

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Classification of the Beltrami Island State Forest with Respect to Motor Vehicle Use and Designation of Areas with Limitations on Off-Trail and Non-designated Trail Use

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the Commissioner of Natural Resources orders the classification of the Beltrami Island State Forest and other state forest lands in northern Beltrami County as *'managed'* with respect to motor vehicle use pursuant to *Minnesota Laws 2003*, Chapter 128, Article 1, Section 167, as amended by *Minnesota Laws 2005*, First Special Session, Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 152 and *Minnesota Rules* Chapter 6100.1950. The commissioner also orders designation of areas with limitations on off-trail and non-designated trail use in the Beltrami Island State Forest pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes 2006*, section 84.926, subdivision 5.

WHEREAS

1. *Minnesota Laws 2003*, Chapter 128, Article 1, Section 167, as amended by *Minnesota Laws 2005*, First Special Session, Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 152 and *Minnesota Rules* Chapter 6100.1950 require the Commissioner of Natural Resources to classify all state forest lands with respect to motor vehicle use.
2. *Minnesota Statutes 2006*, section 84.926, subdivisions 2 and 4 allow some hunting- and trapping-related motor vehicle uses on state forest lands classified as *'limited'* or *'managed'* with respect to motor vehicle use.
3. Section 84.926, subdivision 5 authorizes the commissioner to designate areas with limitations on off-trail and non-designated trail use that are not subject to the exceptions provided in subdivisions 2 and 4. Subdivision 5 also establishes procedures to be used to designate such areas.
4. The Department of Natural Resources proposed motor vehicle use classification and designations of roads and trails were published in a draft plan in November 2004. Based on public comments and revisions to the authorizing legislation the proposed classification and road and trail designations were modified. The revised proposals were documented in a plan published in February 2007.
5. All notice and procedural requirements in *Minnesota Statutes*, and other applicable laws and rules have been met.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that state forest lands located within the boundaries of the Beltrami Island State Forest in Beltrami, Lake of the Woods, and Roseau counties be classified as *'managed'* with respect to motor vehicle use, pursuant to authority vested in me by Minnesota law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other state forest lands under the authority of the commissioner located in the following townships in northern Beltrami County be classified as *'managed'* with respect to motor vehicle use, pursuant to authority vested in me by Minnesota law:

- Township 154 North, Range 33 West of the 5th Principal Meridian
- Township 154 North, Range 34 West of the 5th Principal Meridian

- Township 154 North, Range 35 West of the 5th Principal Meridian
- Township 154 North, Range 36 West of the 5th Principal Meridian
- Township 155 North, Range 31 West of the 5th Principal Meridian
- Township 155 North, Range 36 West of the 5th Principal Meridian
- Township 155 North, Range 37 West of the 5th Principal Meridian
- Township 156 North, Range 31 West of the 5th Principal Meridian
- Township 156 North, Range 32 West of the 5th Principal Meridian
- Township 156 North, Range 37 West of the 5th Principal Meridian

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that state forest lands and other lands under the authority of the commissioner within the areas described below are designated as areas with limitations on off-trail and non-designated trail use pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes 2006*, section 84.926, subdivision 5:

- Bemis East – Lands north of the Thompson State Forest Road and east of the Bemis Hill State Forest Road, in T160N-R37W and T161N-R37W, consisting of about 4,921 acres.
- Bemis West – Lands north of the Thompson State Forest Road and west of the Bemis Hill State Forest Road, in T160N-R37W, T160N-R38W, and T161N-R37W, consisting of about 1,980 acres.
- Hansen Creek – Lands west of Dick’s Parkway State Forest Road and north of Hansen Creek, in T159N-R37W, consisting of about 2,957 acres.
- Manweiler Dam – Lands west of Nelson State Forest Road and north of Manweiler Impoundment State Forest Road, in T160N-R34W, consisting of about 1,242 acres.

These areas are depicted on the map in *Exhibit A*, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above motor vehicle use classifications and area designations shall become effective December 31, 2007.

Date:

3/13/07

Mark Holsten, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Exhibit A
Areas with Limitations on Off-Trail and Non-designated Trail Use (MN Statutes 84.926, Subd. 5)
Beltrami Island State Forest

