Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

DESIGNATION OF FOREST ROADS IN COOK COUNTY, MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioner of Natural Resources orders the designation of forest roads located within the Grand Portage and Pat Bayle State Forests, and on other lands under the authority of the commissioner in Cook County, Minnesota. These designations, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, *Section 89.71*, *Subd. 1*, are identified in *Exhibit A*, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

WHEREAS:

- 1. Minnesota Laws 2003, Chapt. 128, Art. 1, Sect. 167 (as amended in 2005 & 2007) and Minnesota Rules Part 6100.1950 require the Commissioner of Natural Resources to classify all state forest lands with respect to motor vehicle use.
- 2. *Minnesota Statutes*, *Section 89.71*, *Subd. 1*, provides that the commissioner may designate or undesignate forest roads by written order published in the *State Register*.
- 3. The agency published its' proposed motor vehicle use classification and forest road and trail designations in a draft plan in March 2007. Public meetings were held and the agency received written comments and submissions regarding the public's use of forest lands, roads and trails in Cook County.
- 4. All public notice and procedural requirements in *Minnesota Statutes*, and other applicable rules and legal requirements have been fulfilled.
- 5. The forest road designations are both needed and reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the forest roads identified in *Exhibit A*, attached hereto and incorporated herein, are hereby designated pursuant to authority vested in me by Minnesota law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the designation of the forest roads identified in *Exhibit A*, shall become effective on September 1, 2008.

Dated 10/30/07

Mark Holsten, Commissioner Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

