

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Commissioner's Order

Undesignation of state forest roads #0303, 1682, 1801, 1803, 1833, and 1853 in Aitkin County.

Effective Date: December 15, 2010

Statutory authority: *Minnesota Statutes*, section <u>89.71</u>, subd. <u>1</u>

Supplements: Aitkin County Forest Road and Trail Designation Plan and Forest Classification & Road/Trail Designations for the East Central Forests (November, 2008).

BACKGROUND

Minnesota Statutes, Section 89.002, subdivision 3, directs the Commissioner of Natural Resources to provide a system of state forest roads for access to state forest land and other forest land under the Commissioner's authority, which is adequate to permit the Commissioner to manage, protect, and develop those lands and their resources consistent with the forest resource management policy, and to meet demands for forest resources.

Minnesota Statutes, Section 89.71, subdivision 1, provides that the commissioner must designate and undesignate state forest roads by written order published in the State Register.

All notice and procedural requirements in Minnesota Statutes, and other applicable rules and law have been complied with.

The justifications for the undesignations identified in *Exhibits B-1 through B-6* are as follows:

Exhibit B-1 #0303

This is a recorded and actively maintained township road.

Exhibit B-2 #1682

The route crosses two wetland areas and is not sustainable for motorized use. There is no established pattern of motorized use.

Exhibit B-3 #1801

This route cannot support motorized traffic and has an unsafe approach to MN Hwy 200.

Exhibit B-4 #1803

This segment is part of a designated ATV trail which is gated and closed to highway licensed vehicles.

Exhibit B-5 #1833

This is a segment of a township road under an easement from the State.

Exhibit B-6 #1853

The route crosses through a wetland which has been damaged by ATV traffic and subsequently posted as closed to motorized use.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to authority vested in me by law, including but not limited to *Minnesota Statutes*, section 89.71, subdivision 1, that the undesignation state forest roads identified in *Exhibits B-1* through *B-6* shall become effective on December 15, 2010.

Date signed: November 9, 2010

Mark Holsten

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Commissioner











