

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Commissioner's Order

Designation of State Forest Roads #1377,1378,1379,1380, and 1382 in Becker County

Effective Date: December 15, 2010

Statutory authority: *Minnesota Statutes*, section <u>89.17</u>, subd. <u>1</u>

Supplements: Forest Road and Trail Designations for the White Earth Unit and Forest Road and Trail Designations for the West Central Forests-South Unit.

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 road designations are as follows:

Exhibit A-1 (3-142-37):

The road designation order in the *Road and Trail Designations for the White Earth Unit* mistakenly includes the segments of the route on County administered land instead of the segment on State land. This order will designate the portion of the route on State land and a corresponding undesignation order will remove the County segments from the State forest road inventory.

Exhibit A-2 (24-142-37):

The route was intended to be designated as part of the Road and Trail Designations but was apparently not included because of data corruption during the planning process. The route has a history of motorized use and provides access to state, county, and private land.

Exhibit A-3 (33-142-37):

This route has a history of motorized use for access to Squaw Lake for duck hunting as well as minnow and leech trapping. Designation and subsequent posting of the route as minimum maintenance forest roads will allow for legal motorized use on state land classified as "limited".

Exhibit A-4 (25-140-37) and Exhibit A-5 (9,16-141-36):

These two designations are for routes which have a history of motorized use for access by duck hunters. Designation and subsequent posting of the routes as minimum maintenance forest roads will allow for legal motorized use on State land classified as "limited".

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to authority vested in me by law, including but not limited to *Minnesota Statutes*, section <u>89.17</u>, subdivision <u>1</u>, that the designation of the state forest roads identified in Exhibits A-1 through A-5 shall become effective on December 15, 2010.

Mark Holsten Commissioner

Date signed: November 9, 2010

Exhibit A - 1

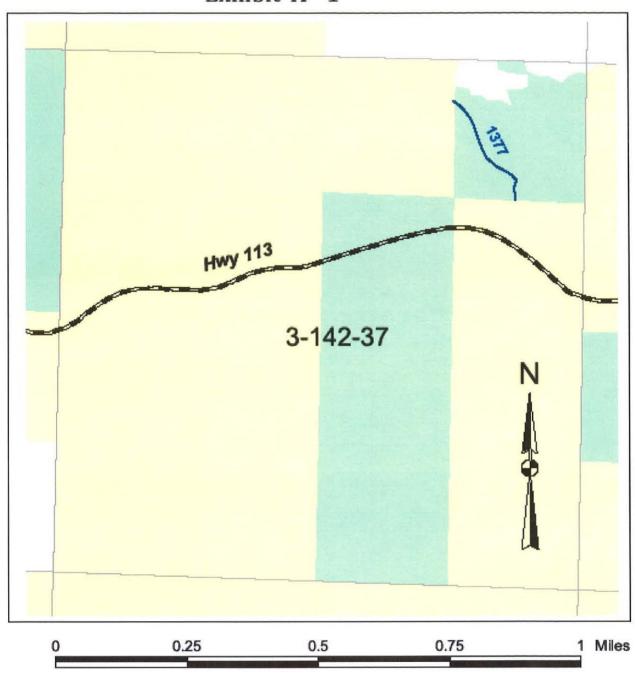




Exhibit A-2

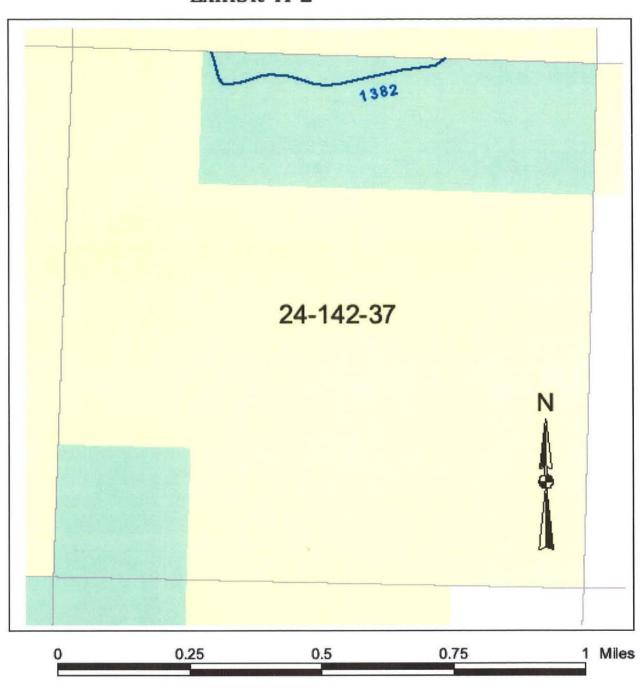




Exhibit A - 3

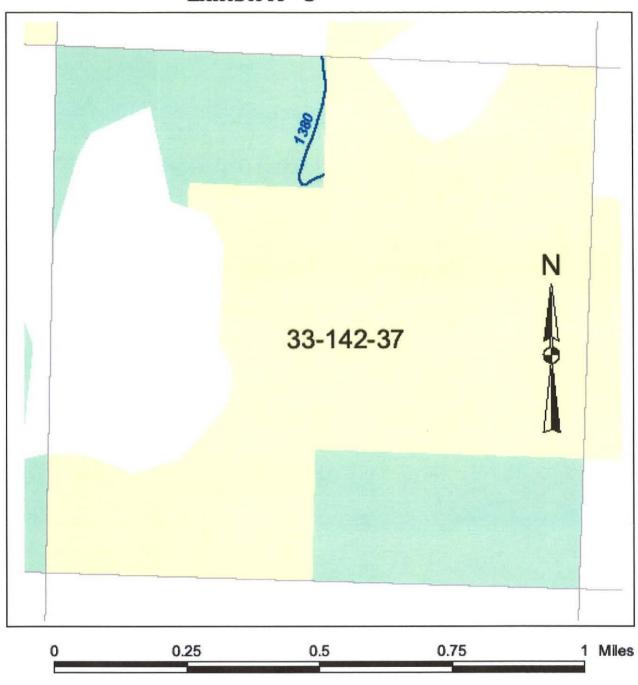




Exhibit A - 4

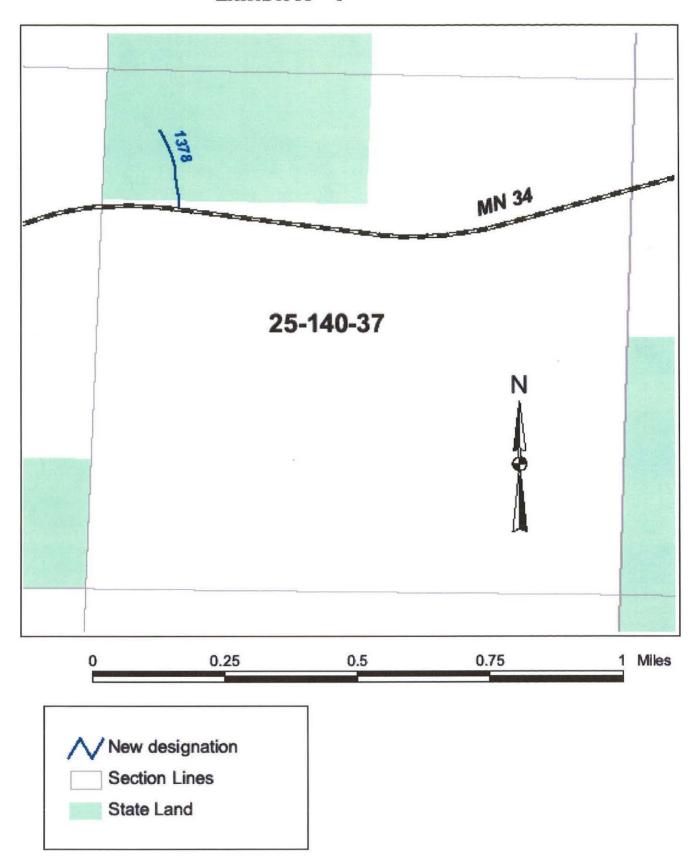


Exhibit A - 5

