

**Classification of the Mississippi Headwaters State Forest in Beltrami, Clearwater, and Hubbard Counties, Minnesota with Respect to Motor Vehicle Use**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Commissioner of Natural Resources orders the classification of the Mississippi Headwaters State Forest as “*limited*” with respect to motor vehicle use. The classification of state forest lands with respect to motor vehicle use is pursuant to *Minnesota Laws 2003*, Chapter 128, Article 1, Section 167, (as amended in 2005 and 2007), and *Minnesota Rules* Chapter 6100.1950.

**WHEREAS**

1. *Minnesota Laws 2003*, Chapter 128, Article 1, Section 167, (as amended in 2005 and 2007), 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. The Department of Natural Resources published its proposed motor vehicle use classification and forest road and trail designations for state forest lands in Mississippi Headwaters State Forest in Beltrami, Clearwater, and Hubbard Counties, Minnesota in a draft plan in November 2007.
3. All notice and procedural requirements in *Minnesota Statutes*, and other applicable laws and rules have been met.

4. The state forest classification is both needed and reasonable.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** that approximately 8,790 acres of state forest land in the Mississippi Headwaters State Forest in Beltrami, Clearwater, and Hubbard Counties, Minnesota be classified as “*limited*” with respect to motor vehicle use, pursuant to authority vested in me by Minnesota law.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that state forest lands within the area depicted in *Exhibit A* be designated as areas with limitations on off-trail and non-designated trail use pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 84.926, Subd. 5. This area includes approximately 5061 acres of state forest lands.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the above motor vehicle use classification and areas with limitations on off-trail and non-designated trail use shall become effective on December 31, 2008.

Dated: February 12, 2008

Mark Holsten, Commissioner

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources