

Designation of Forest Trails in Mississippi Headwaters State Forest in Beltrami, Clearwater, and Hubbard Counties, Minnesota

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioner of Natural Resources orders the designation of forest trails located within the Mississippi Headwaters State Forest. These designations, pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 89.19, Subd. 2, are for specified recreational purposes.

WHEREAS

1. *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 89.19, Subd. 2 authorizes the designation, and changes in designation, of forest trails by written order, specifying public notice and public meeting requirements that must be fulfilled prior to making such designations.
2. *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.
3. The agency published its proposed motor use classification and forest road and trail designations in a draft plan in November 2008. The agency held public meetings and solicited and received written comments and submissions regarding the public's use of forest lands and roads and trails in Mississippi Headwaters State Forest in Beltrami, Clearwater, and Hubbard Counties, Minnesota.

4. All public and procedural requirements in *Minnesota Statutes*, and other applicable rules and legal requirements, have been fulfilled.

5. The forest trail designations are both needed and reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the forest trails described below are hereby designated pursuant to authority vested in me by Minnesota law:

1. **All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Trails** – The approximately 1.3 miles of trail depicted on the map labeled *Exhibit A*, attached hereto and incorporated herein, are designated as ATV/OHM Trails.

2. **Hunter Walking Trails** – The approximately 3.8 miles of trail depicted on the map labeled *Exhibit B*, attached hereto and incorporated herein, are designated Hunter Walking Trails.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the designation of the forest trails identified in *Exhibits A* and *B* shall become effective on December 31, 2008.

Dated: February 12, 2008

Mark Holsten, Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources