Classification of State Forest Lands Outside State Forests Under the Authority of the Commissioner in Pope County, Minnesota with Respect to Motor Vehicle Use

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioner of Natural Resources orders the classification of state forest lands outside of state forests under the authority of the commissioner in Pope County as “closed” 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 outside state forests under the authority of the commissioner in Pope County, Minnesota in a draft plan in May 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 80 acres of state forest land outside state forests under the authority of the Commissioner in Pope County be classified as “closed” with respect to motor vehicle use, pursuant to authority vested in me by Minnesota law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above motor vehicle use classification shall become effective on December 31, 2008.

Dated: November 20, 2007

Mark Holsten, Commissioner

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources