

Classification of the Smoky Hills State Forest in Becker County, Minnesota with Respect to Motor Vehicle Use

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioner of Natural Resources orders the classification of the Smoky Hills 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 Smoky Hills State Forest in Becker 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 15,074 acres of state forest land in the Smoky Hills State Forest in Becker County, 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 described below be designated as areas with limitations on off-trail and non-designated trail use pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 84.926, Subd. 5. These areas are depicted in *Exhibit A*.

- State lands in T140N R37W with the area described as being: north of Trunk Highway 34, east of Becker County 39, south and west of Trunk Highway 225, west of Gyles Road, and west of Old Mill Road. This area includes all or parts of 17 sections of the township and consists of approximately 6,590 acres.

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: November 20, 2007

Mark Holsten, Commissioner

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources