

Designation of Forest Roads in Smoky Hills State Forest in Becker County, Minnesota

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioner of Natural Resources orders the designation of forest roads located within the Smoky Hills State Forest. These designations are pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 89.71, Subd. 1.

WHEREAS

1. *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 89.71, Subd. 1 provides that the commissioner may designate or undesignate forest roads by written order published in the *State Register*.
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 May 2007. 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 Smoky Hills State Forest in Becker County, Minnesota.

4. All public and procedural requirements in *Minnesota Statutes*, and other applicable rules and legal requirements, have been fulfilled.
5. The forest road designations are both needed and reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the forest roads identified in *Exhibit A*, attached hereto and incorporated herein, are hereby designated pursuant to authority vested in me by Minnesota law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the designation of the forest roads identified in *Exhibit A* shall become effective on December 31, 2008.

Dated: November 20, 2007

Mark Holsten, Commissioner

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources