

Classification and Road/Trail Designation

Past Summary

Centennial State Forest was designated by the Minnesota Legislature in 2016. The Forest is comprised of 640 acres of School Trust Land and approximately 2,751. Current land uses include timber management, wildlife habitat and recreation. Popular recreation uses include OHV and snowmobile riding, dispersed camping, fishing and hunting. Current developed recreational amenities include one grant in aid snowmobile trail and an unimproved access to Camp Two Lake. No other developed recreational facilities are being planned at this time.

Future Planning

Because the forest is a new addition to the DNR, the forest must go through the Department's motor vehicle use classification. This classification process will designate the forest as either limited (allowing restricted OHV use) or closed (not allowing OHV use). Forest roads, both system and minimum maintenance as well as trails may also be designated through this process.

Process Objectives

- Designate a sustainable system of forest roads and trails that provide for diverse motorized and non-motorized public recreation and access;
- Classify the forest using the DNR's motor vehicle use classifications to maintain a sustainable, working forest;
- Close unsustainable routes to vehicular travel;
- Forest roads and trails that provide adequate access for both recreational and utilitarian purposes (e.g., hunting, trapping, angling, firewood collecting, etc.);
- Possible hunter/walking trails designated;
- Areas where the hunting and trapping exceptions do not apply (M.S. 84.926); and
- The public will be engaged in recommending and reviewing changes to forest trail systems and management.