

**Minnesota Department of Natural Resources**

**Notice of Proposed Changes Affecting Recreational Trails and Off-Highway Vehicle Use on State Forest Lands in Pine County; Open House Scheduled**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is considering changes to recreational trails and off-trail motor vehicle use on state forest lands in the Chengwatana, Nemadji, St. Croix, and General Andrews state forests in Pine County.

The proposed changes include: designating new motorized trail segments; designating new hunter-walking trails; designating new motorized uses for existing motorized trails; undesignating segments of existing trail; and designating areas where off-trail motor vehicle use is prohibited during hunting and trapping activities ("areas with limitations").

The four affected forests are classified "Limited" with respect to motorized use, which means forest roads are open to motor vehicle use unless posted closed, and forest trails are closed to motor vehicle use unless posted open. The DNR does not propose to change the "Limited" classification.

*Minnesota Statutes*, section 89.19, subdivision 2 governs designations of forest trails and changes to existing designations. *Minnesota Statutes*, section 84.926, subdivision 5 governs the designation of areas with limitations on off-trail motor vehicle use for hunting big game and installing hunting stands, retrieving big game, tending traps, and trapping minnows.

The DNR will hold an open house to present information and receive public comments on the proposed changes. The open house is scheduled for May 22, 2013, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Askov Town Hall, 6369 Kobmagergade, Askov, MN 55704.

Summaries of the proposals and related maps are on the DNR website at [www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/mgmtplans/ohv/designation/revisions.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/mgmtplans/ohv/designation/revisions.html). Questions regarding the proposals and the public review period should be directed to:

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Written comments on the proposals can be submitted to the above address until 4:30 p.m. on June 24, 2013.

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