

# Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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Senator Richard J. Cohen, Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
Senator Ellen R. Anderson, Chair, Senate Environment Finance Budget Division  
Representative Loren Solberg, Chair House Ways and Means Committee  
Representative Jean Wagenius, Chair House Environment Finance Budget Division

Dear Committee Chairs:

Minnesota Statutes, section 84.67(1) requires that the Commissioner of Natural Resources report land purchases and sales related to the Forests for the Future Revolving Account by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

This account was created as a revolving account to fund the acquisition of forest lands that meet the eligibility criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 84.66, subdivision 3 with the proceeds from the sale of forest lands acquired under this section and interest earned on this account.

As of September 30, 2008, there have been no expenditures from this account nor have there been any deposits made to this account.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Holsten".

Mark Holsten  
Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources

c: Bob Meier, Kathy Anderson, Craig Engwall, Richard Peterson

(1) 84.67 Forests For The Future Revolving **Account**. A forests for the future revolving account is created in the natural resources fund. Money in the account is **appropriated** to the commissioner of natural resources for the **acquisition** of forest lands that **meet** the eligibility criteria in section 84.66, subdivision 4. The commissioner shall **sell the lands** acquired under this section, subject to an easement as provided in section 84.66. Money **received** from the sale of forest lands acquired under this section and interest earned on the account shall be deposited into the account. The commissioner must file a report to the house Ways and Means and the senate Finance Committees and the environment and natural resources finance committees or divisions of the senate and house of representatives by October 1 of each year **indicating** all purchases of forest land **using money** from this account and sales of forest land for which revenue is deposited into this account.