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The Honorable Ellen R. Anderson
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Enclosed you will find a report summarizing the MOOSE MANAGEMENT AND RESEARCH PLAN PROGRESS REPORT.

The Department of Natural Resources was required to prepare this report by Minnesota Session Law 2008, Chapter 368 (Senate File 2651), Article 2, Section 76, which stated: “The commissioner of natural resources shall consult with research scientists, wildlife managers, tribal interests, other agencies with moose research and management expertise, and other key stakeholder groups on the development of a moose management and research plan for Minnesota. The plan shall address moose populations and habitats, including, but not limited to, the northwest Minnesota herd; likely causes of observed changes and trends; moose habitat and hunting management; and monitoring, research, and evaluation needs. The plan shall establish future moose management and research goals and strategies within the context of habitat and climate trends in Minnesota. By January 15, 2009, the commissioner shall provide a progress report on the plan to the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over natural resource policy.”

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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

Mark Holsten
Commissioner

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c Ms. Laurie Martinson, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources

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