

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

CLASSIFICATION OF THE CLOQUET VALLEY STATE FOREST, AND OTHER LANDS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER, IN ST. LOUIS & CARLTON COUNTIES, MINNESOTA WITH RESPECT TO MOTOR VEHICLE USE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioner of Natural Resources orders the classification of state forest lands pursuant to *Minnesota Laws 2003, Chapt. 128, Art. 1, Sect. 167 (as amended in 2005 & 2007)* and *Minnesota Rules Part 6100.1950*.

The commissioner orders the classification of state forest lands within Southern St. Louis and Carlton Counties, including lands located within and outside of the Cloquet Valley State Forest, as 'managed' or 'limited' with respect to motor vehicle use, as shown in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

The commissioner further orders that six areas known as *Mud Lake Hardwoods, Boulder Lake North, Cloquet River Northeast, Esswhter Lake, Marshall Trail South, and Ruth Lake*, be classified as 'closed' with respect to motor vehicle use, as shown in **Exhibit B**, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

WHEREAS:

1. *Minnesota Laws 2003, Chapt. 128, Art. 1, Sect. 167 (as amended)* and *Minnesota Rules Part 6100.1950* require the Commissioner of Natural Resources to classify state forest lands with respect to motor vehicle use.
2. The agency published its proposed motor vehicle use classification and forest road and trail designations in a draft plan in April 2007. Public meetings were held and written comments and submissions were received regarding the public's use of forest lands, roads and trails in St. Louis and Carlton Counties.
3. All public notice and procedural requirements in *Minnesota Statutes*, and other applicable rules and legal obligations have been fulfilled.
4. The state forest classification is both needed and reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that state forest lands located in Southern St. Louis and Carlton Counties, including lands within and outside the Cloquet Valley State Forest, be classified as 'managed' or 'limited' with respect to motor vehicle use, as shown in **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein, pursuant to authority vested in me by Minnesota Law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all state and county forest lands, and other lands under the authority of the commissioner, within the areas described below, and shown in **Exhibit B**, attached hereto and incorporated herein, be classified as 'closed' with respect to motor vehicle use pursuant to authority vested in me by Minnesota Law.

- **Mud Lake Hardwoods** – Lands in T52N R16W, consisting of about 1,262 acres, described as follows:
 - Sect. 9, all county lands south of the Us-Kab-Wan-Ka Forest Management Road;
 - Sect. 8, all county lands south of the Us-Kab-Wan-Ka Forest Management Road and south of the forest access road in the SW quarter;
 - Sect. 7, all county lands lying south of the forest access trail described for Section 8 and east of a forest access trail running southeasterly through the SESE quarter-quarter of the section;
 - Sect. 17, those county lands north of the second forest access trail mentioned for Sect. 7 continuing E/SE to the section line;
 - Sect. 16, all state lands north of the forest access trail described for Sect. 17;
 - Sect. 15, those county lands lying north of the forest access trail described for Sect. 16, and west of a forest access trail running N/NW from the previously mentioned trail through the NW ¼ and NWSE of Sect. 15 and south of Us-Kab-Wan-Ka Forest Management Road.

- **Boulder Lake North** - Lands in T53N R15W, consisting of about 816 acres, described as follows:
 - Sect. 1 & 12, those county lands in bounded on the north by the Three Lakes Road and the unnamed drainage in the NW ¼ running SW/NE; bounded on the east by the North Boulder Forest Management Road, south to an unnamed stream running generally SW/NE; bounded to the south by an extension of the same unnamed stream SW to the south section line of Sect.12; then bounded on the west by the Sect..lines of Sect. 1 & 12.

- **Cloquet River Northeast** - Lands in T55N R12W, consisting of about 1,000 acres, described as follows:
 - Sect. 1, those county and state lands located east of the Cloquet River and NW of the forest management road in the E ½ of SE ¼ of the Section;
 - Sect. 2 those county lands south of the river in the east half of the SE ¼ ;
 - Sect. 10 & 11, those county and state lands lying east of the Cloquet River, and south to the north lines of SWSW & SESW quarter-quarters of Sect. 11, and then running NW following the upland/lowland margin running NE/SW through the NESW & SENE quarter-quarter Sect. 11 & NWNW quarter-quarter of Sect. 12 to the northern border of Section 12.

- **Esswhter Lake** – Lands consisting of about 9,455 acres, described as follows:
In T53N R12W
 - Sect. 2, all county and state lands NW of the West Branch Knife River;
 - Sect. 3, all county and state lands NW of the West Branch Knife River;
 - Sect. 4, all county and state lands, except for the South ½ of the SW ¼ ;
 - Sect. 5, all county lands NW of the drainage running NE/SW in the SESE quarter-quarter;
 - Sect. 6, all county lands;
 - Sect. 7, all county lands NW of the drainage running NE/SW in the SESE quarter-quarter;

- Sect. 8, all county lands NW of the drainage running SE/NW through the north ½ of the section;
- Sect. 18, all county lands in the north ½ of the north ½ lying west of the drainage running N/S in the NENE quarter-quarter;

In T53N R13W

- Sect. 1 & 2, all county lands;
- Sect. 3, all county and state lands;
- Sect. 11, all county lands E/NE of the Pequaywan GIA Snowmobile Trail;
- Sect. 12, all county lands;
- Sect. 13, all county lands in the N ½ of the NE ¼ section; and the N ½ of the NW ¼ section located north of the Pequaywan GIA Snowmobile Trail;
- Sect. 14, all county lands in the NENE quarter-quarter section lying NE of the Pequaywan GIA Snowmobile Trail;

In T54N R12W

- Sect. 31, 32 & 33, all county lands south of the South Branch Mud Creek;
- Sect. 34, all county lands south of the South Branch Mud Creek and south and west of the NE ¼ section;
- Sect. 35, all county lands west of the Rossini Road and N/NW of the West Branch Knife River;

In T54N R13W

- Sect. 26, all county lands south of Little Cloquet River and west of Mud Creek;
- Sect. 34, all county lands lying E/SE of the Little Cloquet River;
- Sect. 35, all county lands lying west, south, and southwest of Mud Creek;
- Sect. 36, all state lands located south of Mud Creek and south of the South Branch Mud Creek;

- **Marshall Trail South** - Lands located in T54N R13W, consisting of about 3,414 acres, described as follows:
 - Sect. 27, all county lands lying south of the Marshall Truck Trail;
 - Sect. 33, all county lands lying south of the Marshall Truck Trail and east of the "Graveyard" Forest Access Road south to the section line;
 - Sect. 34, all county lands south of the Marshall Truck Trail;
 - Sect. 35, all county lands south of the Marshall Truck Trail, west of the NW-NE ¼ section line, south of the NE-SE ¼ section line, and west of the Cloquet River;
 - Sect. 2, all county lands located west of the Cloquet River;
 - Sect. 3, all county lands;
 - Sect. 4, all county lands east of the "Graveyard" Forest Access Road and the unnamed forest access trail extending south from it, and north of the Mooseline GIA Snowmobile Trail;
 - Sect. 9, all county lands NE of the Mooseline GIA Snowmobile Trail;
 - Sect. 10, all county lands NE of the Mooseline GIA Snowmobile Trail and north of the Cloquet River;
 - Sect. 11, all county lands NW of the Cloquet River.

- **Ruth Lake** - Lands located in T54N R12W consisting of about 2,754 acres and described as follows:
 - Sect. 1, all county lands south of the Drummond Road and Pathfinder Drive;
 - Sect. 12 & 14, all county lands;
 - Sect. 11, all county lands east of the King Lake Road, and the portion of state land in NENW of the section east of King Lake Road;
 - Sect. 13, those county lands NW of the primary drainage running SW/NE in the SE ¼ of the section;
 - Sect. 15, those county lands east of the drainage between Ruth and Beaver (also called Joker) Lakes;
 - Sect. 22, the SENE quarter-quarter lying north of the Rossini Road.
 - Sections 23 & 24, those county lands lying north of the drainage described for Section 13.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above motor vehicle use classifications and motor-limited area designations shall become effective December 31, 2009.

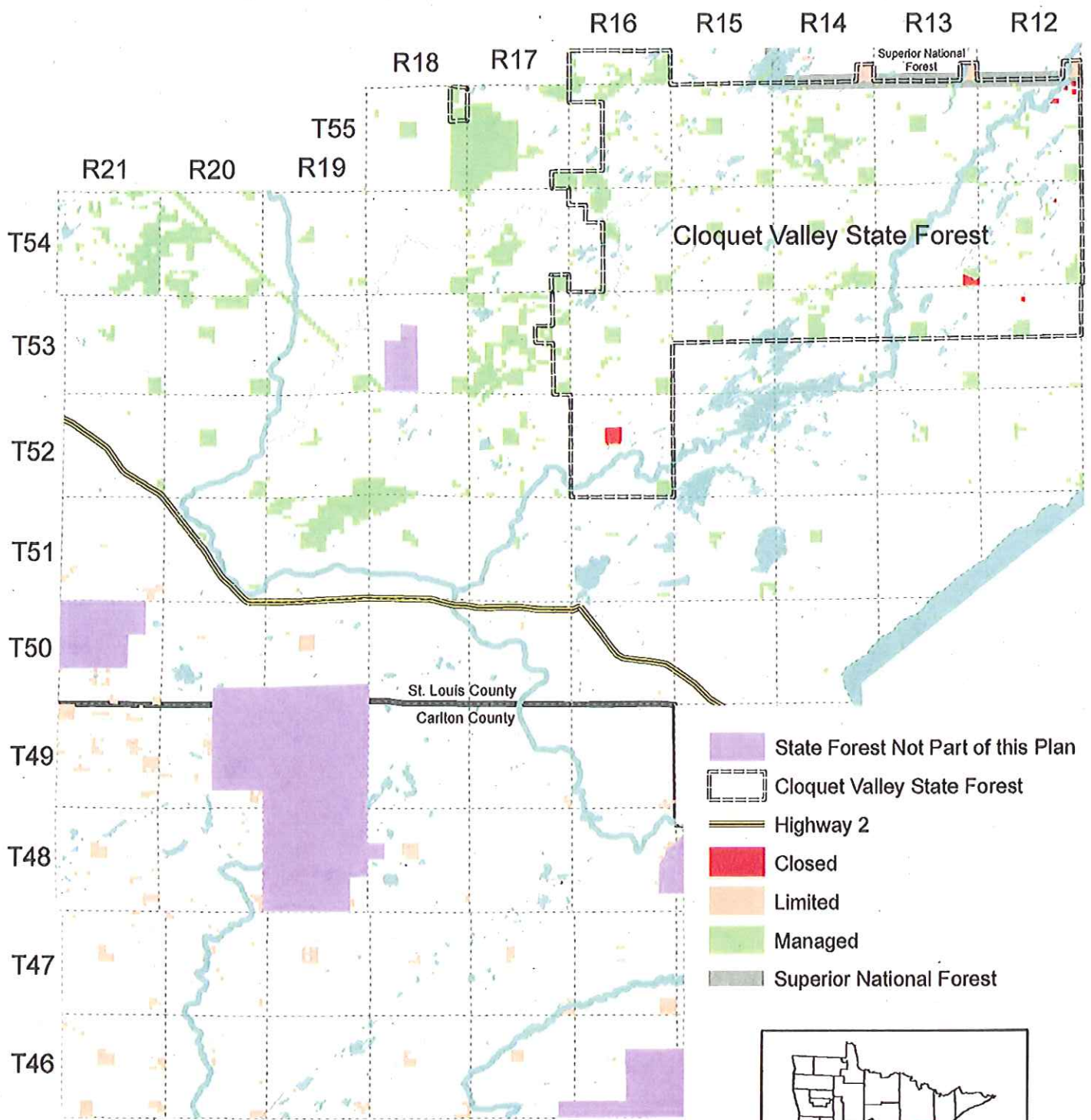
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*Mark Holsten, Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources*

Exhibit A State Forest Land Classification South St. Louis & Carlton County, MN



- State Forest Not Part of this Plan
- Cloquet Valley State Forest
- Highway 2
- Closed
- Limited
- Managed
- Superior National Forest

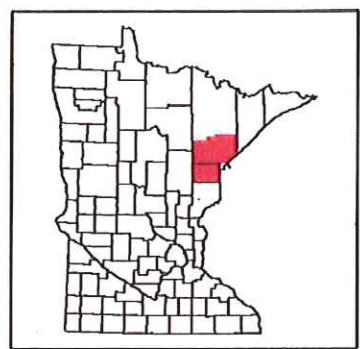
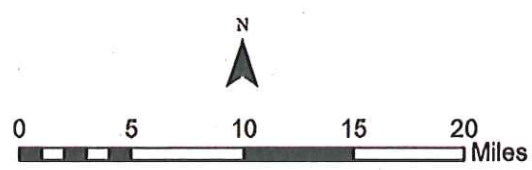


Exhibit B

Areas Classified as Closed to Motor Vehicle Use Cloquet Valley State Forest, St. Louis County, MN

