

**DECISION RECORD  
OFFICIAL NOTICE AND ORDER**

**Classification of the Foot Hills State Forest and other State Forest Lands within Cass County with respect to motor vehicle use pursuant to *Minnesota Laws 2003*, Chapter 128, Article 1, Section 167, Subdivision 1 and *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 6100.1950.**

**CLASSIFICATION OF THE FOOT HILLS STATE FOREST  
AND OTHER STATE FOREST LANDS UNDER THE AUTHORITY  
OF THE COMMISSIONER  
IN CASS COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**NOTICE PUBLISHED: February 22, 2005  
EFFECTIVE DATE: December 31, 2005**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources orders the classification of the Foot Hills State Forest, and other State Forest Lands described below, located in Cass County, as *Limited* with respect to the operation of motor vehicles.

**WHEREAS:**

1. *Minnesota Laws 2003*, Chapter 128, Article 1, Section 167 directs the Commissioner of Natural Resources to complete a review of the classification status of all state forests and forest lands under the authority of the commissioner classified as 'managed,' and to change the status of such forests and forest lands to 'limited' or 'closed' with respect to the operation of motor vehicles. Reclassification is to be conducted pursuant to the process and criteria set forth in *Minnesota Rules*, 6100.1950.
2. The agency held a public meeting and solicited and received written comments and submissions on the proposed forest classification. Comments were incorporated into the final plan for forest classification.
3. All notice and procedural requirements in Minnesota Statutes, and other applicable rules and law have been complied with.
4. The state forest classification is both needed and reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Foot Hills State Forest and all State Forest Lands under the authority of the Commissioner within the Townships of White Oak, Hiram, Birch Lake, Badoura, Deerfield, Powers, McKinley, Bull Moose, Pine River, Ansel, Bungo, Walden, Poplar, Moose Lake, and Maple, in Cass County, are classified as *Limited*, pursuant to authority vested in me by Minnesota law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the classification of said State Forest and State Forest Lands shall become effective on December 31, 2005.

A copy of this order shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

Date: 02/04/05

Gene Merriam, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

Signed copy on file w/  
Secretary of State – Refer to No. 0502275

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