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**DECISION RECORD
OFFICIAL NOTICE AND ORDER**

Classification of Forestry administered lands outside state forest boundaries under the authority of the Commissioner of Natural Resources within Hubbard County with respect to motor vehicle use pursuant to *Minnesota Laws 2003*, Chapter 128, Article 1, Section 167, Subdivision 1 (as amended) and *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 6100.1950.

**CLASSIFICATION OF FORESTRY ADMINISTERED LANDS
OUTSIDE STATE FOREST BOUNDARIES UNDER THE
AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF NATURAL
RESOURCES IN HUBBARD COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**NOTICE PUBLISHED: April 10, 2006
EFFECTIVE DATE: December 31, 2006**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources orders the classification of Forestry administered lands outside state forest boundaries under the authority of the Commissioner of Natural Resources located in Hubbard County, as *Limited* with respect to the operation of motor vehicles.

WHEREAS:

1. *Minnesota Laws 2003*, Chapter 128, Article 1, Section 167 as amended by *Minnesota Laws 2005, 1st Special Session*, Chapter 1, Article 2, Section 152 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' or 'limited' 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 Forestry administered lands outside state forest boundaries under the authority of the Commissioner of Natural Resources within Hubbard County are classified as **Limited**, pursuant to authority vested in me by Minnesota law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the classification of Forestry administered lands outside state forest boundaries under the authority of the Commissioner of Natural Resources within Hubbard County shall become effective on December 31, 2006.

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

Date 03/17/06

Gene Merriam, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Signed copy on file w/MN Secretary of State – Refer to No. 0601943

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Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Designation of Areas on State Forest Lands With Limitations on Off-Trail and Non-Designated Trail Use in Hubbard County, Minnesota

Effective Date: December 31, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes 2006*, section 84.926, subdivision 5, the areas with limitations on off-trail and non-designated trail use described herein are designated pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 84.926, Subd.5.

WHEREAS:

1. *Minnesota Statutes 2006*, section 84.926, subdivisions 2 and 4 allow some hunting- and trapping-related motor vehicle uses on state forest lands classified as ‘limited’ or ‘managed’ with respect to motor vehicle use.
2. State forest lands in Hubbard County were classified as ‘limited’ with respect to motor vehicle use by Commissioner’s Orders published in the *State Register* on April 10, 2006 (30 SR 1086, 30 SR 1087, and 30 SR 1098).
3. Section 84.926, subdivision 5 authorizes the commissioner to designate areas on state forest lands that are not subject to the exceptions provided in subdivisions 2 and 4. Subdivision 5 also establishes procedures to be used to designate such areas.

4. The commissioner proposed designation of five such areas in the public review draft of the plan for *Proposed Non-Motorized Areas and Trail Designations for DNR- and County-Administered Forest Lands in Hubbard County* published on November 11, 2006.
5. All public notice and public meeting requirements of subdivision 5 have been met.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that state forest lands within the areas described below are designated as areas with limitations on off-trail and non-designated trail use pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 84.926, subd. 5:

1. Crocus Hill – the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 140 North, Range 35 West, a 40-acre tract in an area of residential development.
2. Crooked Lakes – the portions of Sections 15, 16, and 22 of Township 141 North, Range 33 West located south of the Crooked Lakes consisting of about 400 acres.
3. Gulch Lakes – bounded by West Gulch Forest Road, Spur 1 Forest Road, Beaver Lakes Trail, Teepee Lakes Forest Road, and Halverson Forest Road and covering approximately 7,200 acres
4. Mantrap Lakes – Section 36 of Township 142 North, Range 34 West with about 405 acres of state forest land.
5. Soaring Eagle – the South Half of the North Half and North Half of the South Half of Section 16, Township 141 North, Range 35 West covering 320 acres of land.

These areas are depicted on the map in *Exhibit A*, attached hereto and incorporated herein. The designation of these limited use areas shall become effective December 31, 2007.

Date: March 9, 2007

Mark Holsten, Commissioner

Department of Natural Resources

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Exhibit A

Areas With Limitations on Off-Trail and Non-Designated Trail Use
(as per MS 84.926, Subd5.)
Hubbard County, Minnesota

