

# Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

## Classification of State Forest Lands in Koochiching and Itasca Counties of Minnesota with Respect to Motor Vehicle Use

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Commissioner of Natural Resources orders the classification of state forest lands described below with respect to motor vehicle use. These classifications of state forest lands with respect to motor vehicle use are pursuant to *Minnesota Laws 2003*, Chapter 128, Article 1, Section 167, (as amended in 2005 and 2007) and *Minnesota Rules* Chapter 6100.1950.

### WHEREAS

1. *Minnesota Laws 2003*, Chapter 128, Article 1, Section 167, (as amended in 2005 and 2007) and *Minnesota Rules* Chapter 6100.1950 require the Commissioner of Natural Resources to classify all state forest lands with respect to motor vehicle use.
2. The Department of Natural Resources published its proposed motor vehicle use classifications and proposed forest road and trail designations in the Koochiching and Eastern Itasca planning area in a draft plan in August 2008.
3. All notice and procedural requirements in *Minnesota Statutes*, and other applicable laws and rules have been met.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** that the following state forest lands be classified as 'managed' with respect to motor vehicle use, pursuant to authority vested in me by Minnesota law:

- State forest lands in the Koochiching State Forest;
- State forest lands in the Pine Island State Forest;
- State forest lands in the Smokey Bear State Forest;
- State forest lands in the Kabetogama State Forest that are located in Koochiching County;
- State forest lands in the George Washington State Forest, except for the portions classified as 'limited' or 'closed' below;
- Approximately 68,284 acres of state forest lands outside of statutory state forest boundaries in Koochiching County; and
- Approximately 25,104 acres of state forest lands outside of statutory state forest boundaries located north of US Highway 2 in eastern Itasca County.

These state forest lands are depicted as 'managed' on the maps in *Exhibits A-1, A-2, and A-3*, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the following state forest lands be classified as 'limited' with respect to motor vehicle use, pursuant to authority vested in me by Minnesota law:

- State forest lands in the Golden Anniversary State Forest;
- *Larson Lake Area* – Approximately 2,080 acres of state forest land in the George Washington State Forest in an area bounded by the Larson Lake SFR and Circle L Snowmobile trail on the north; forest access routes, streams, and Piel, Klingendiel, and Wilson lakes on the east; forest access routes on the south; and the west shore of Coon Lake and streams on the west; and
- Approximately 12,157 acres of state forest lands outside of statutory state forest boundaries located south of US Highway 2 in eastern Itasca County.

These state forest lands are depicted as 'limited' on the map in *Exhibit A-3*, attached hereto and incorporated herein.


**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the following state forest lands be classified as 'closed' with respect to motor vehicle use, pursuant to authority vested in me by Minnesota law:

- *Hartley Lake Area* – Approximately 14 acres of state forest land in the George Washington State Forest in an area bounded by County Highway 53 (Wolf Lake Trail), forest access routes, and private lands;
- *McDougall Area* – Approximately 173 acres of state forest land in the George Washington State Forest in an area bounded by the Taconite State Trail, Day Brook Snowmobile Trail, minimum maintenance forest roads, and forest access routes;
- *Peloquin Area* – Approximately 1,170 acres of state forest land in the George Washington State Forest located south of the Link Lake State Forest Road and bounded by forest roads, streams, access routes, and private lands; and
- *White Porky Area* – Approximately 815 acres of state forest land in the George Washington State Forest in an area bounded by forest roads, section lines, and the shore of Hunters Lake.

These state forest lands are depicted as 'closed' on the map in *Exhibit A-3*, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

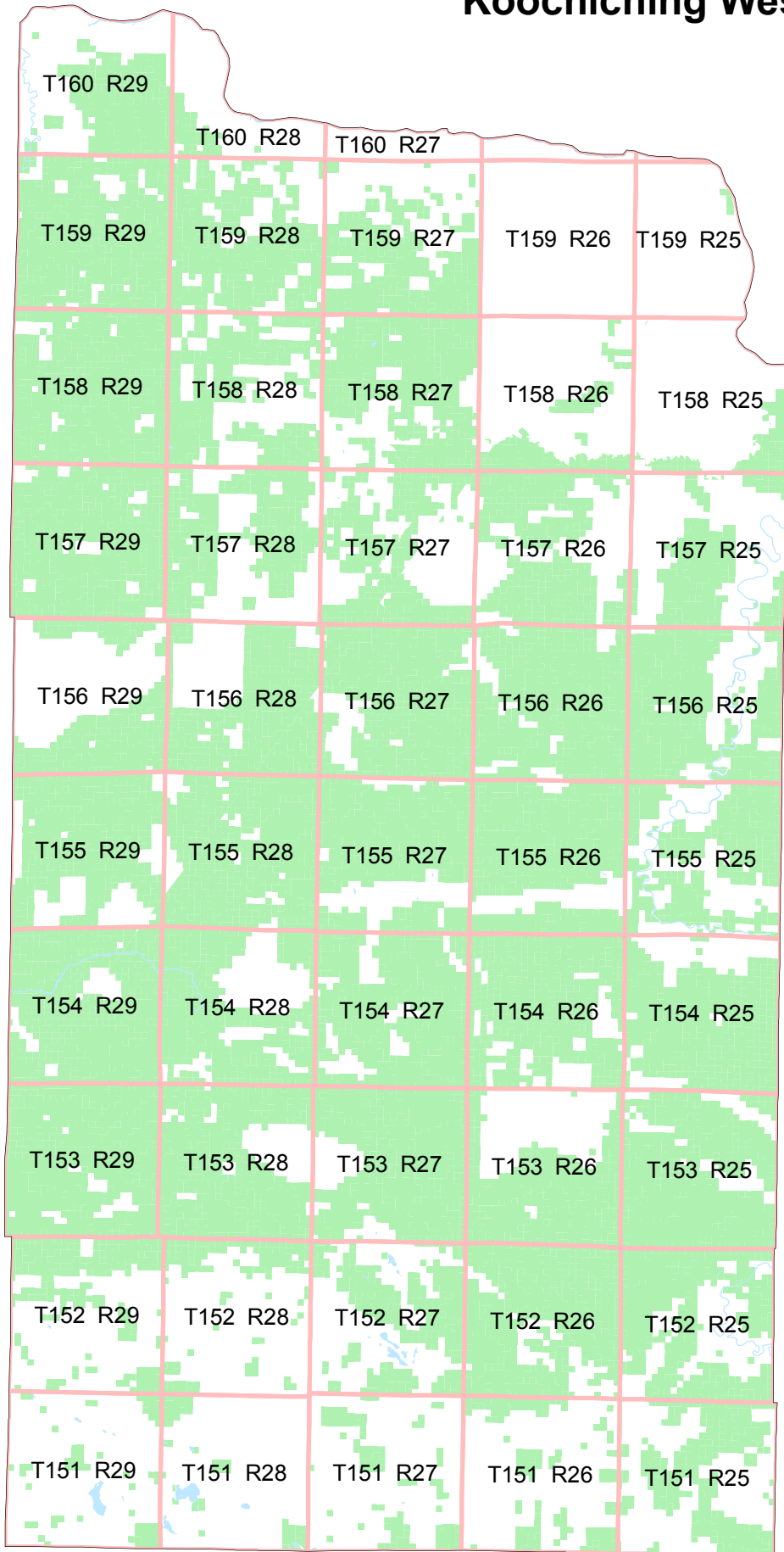
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the above motor vehicle use classifications shall become effective December 31, 2009.

Date: 12/23/08

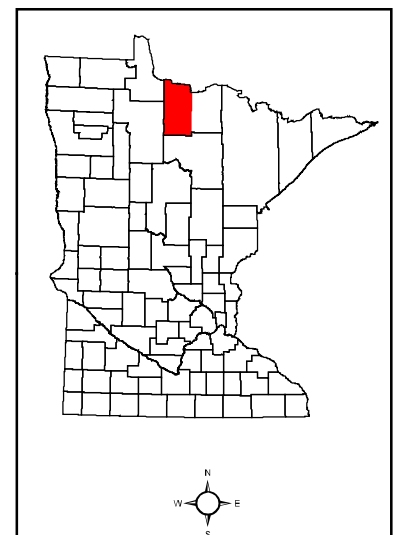
  
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Mark Holsten, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

# Exhibit A-1




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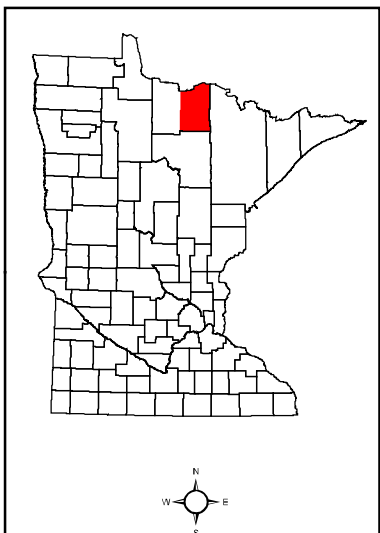
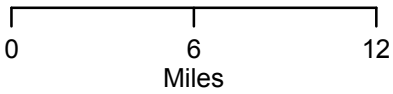
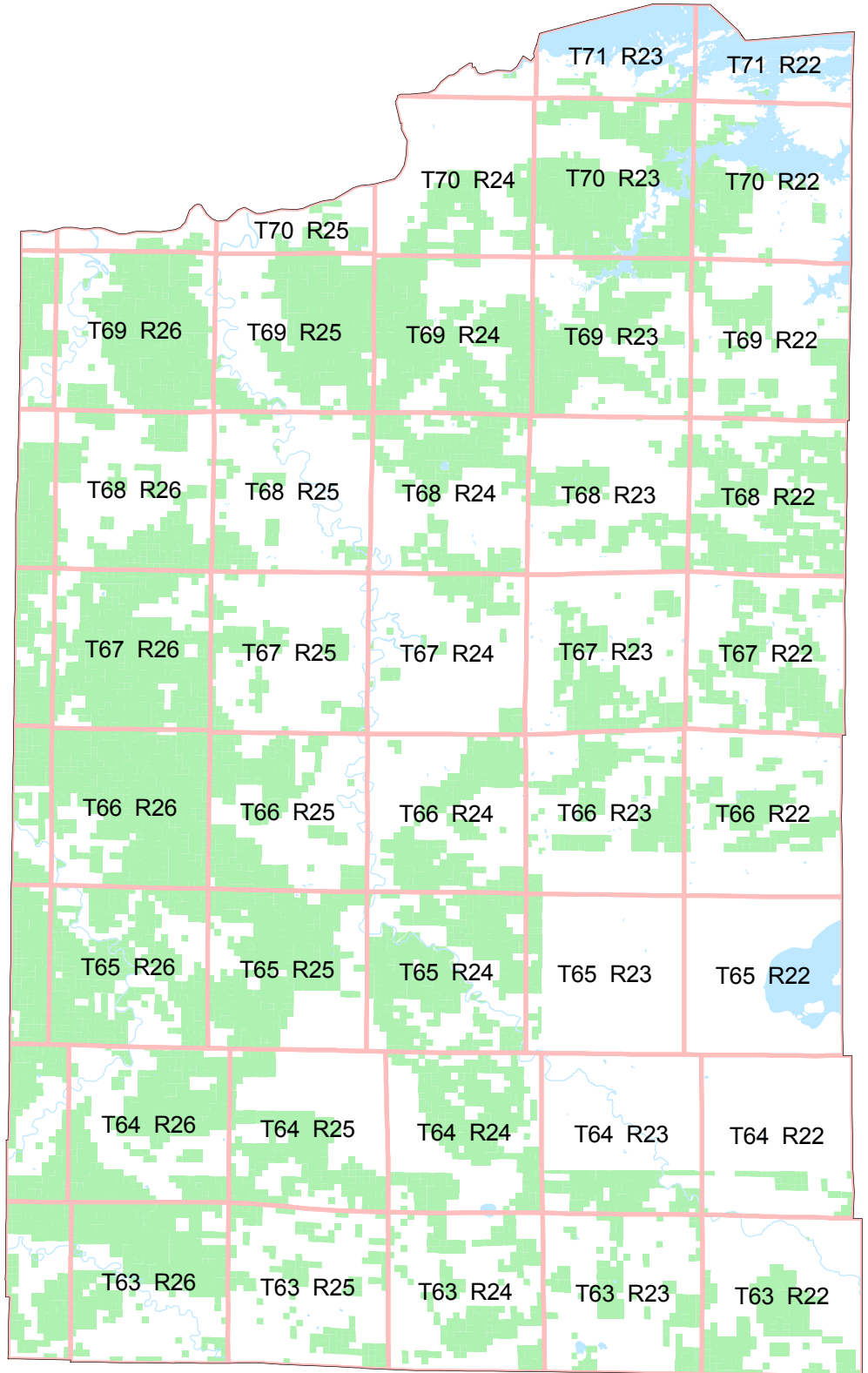


- 'Managed' State Forest Land
- Township Lines
- Water



# Exhibit A-2 State Forest Land Classification - Motor Vehicle Use Koochiching East

-  'Managed' State Forest Land
-  Township Lines
-  Water



# Exhibit A-3 State Forest Land Classification - Motor Vehicle Use Itasca East

- 'Managed' State Forest Land
- 'Limited' State Forest Land
- 'Closed' State Forest Land
- Water
- Township Lines
- Limited Area Boundary
- Closed Area Boundary

