

# Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

## Classification of State Forest Lands in Beltrami, Clearwater, Marshall, Lake of the Woods, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau 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.

The commissioner further orders that state forest lands described below be designated as areas with limitations on off-trail and non-designated trail use pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 84.926, Subd. 5.

### 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. *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. 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.
3. The Department of Natural Resources published its proposed motor vehicle use classifications; proposed forest road and trail designations; and proposed areas with limitations for state forest lands in the Northern Border planning area in a draft plan in July 2008.
4. 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 Lake of the Woods State Forest;
- State forest lands in the Lost River State Forest;
- State forest lands in the Northwest Angle State Forest;
- State forest lands in the Red Lake State Forest
- Approximately 21,000 acres of state forest lands outside of statutory state forest boundaries in Beltrami, Clearwater, Marshall, Lake of the Woods, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau counties.

These state forest lands are depicted as *'managed'* on the maps in *Exhibits A-1, A-2, A-3, and A-4*, 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:

- Approximately 351.4 acres of state forest lands outside of statutory state forest boundaries and south of US Highway 2 in Polk County.

These state forest lands are depicted as *'limited'* on the map in *Exhibit A-4*, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that state forest lands within the areas described below be designated as areas with limitations on off-trail and non-designated trail use pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 84.926, Subdivision 5:

- *Sprague Creek Area with Limitations* – from the intersection of MN Highway 310 and the US/Canada border, south along Highway 310 to Sprague Creek, southwest along Sprague Creek and the Roseau River to the boundary of the Roseau Lake WMA, then northerly following the boundary of the Roseau Lake WMA to Roseau County Road 118 at the NE corner of Section 7 - T163N - R40W, then north along County Road 118 and an unnamed road to the US/Canada border, then east along the US/Canada border to the point of beginning.
- *Larson Lake Area with Limitations* – from the intersection of State Highway 72 and County Highway 111 located about 4 miles south of Waskish, then west along County Highway 111 for 1 mile, then continue west along Township Road 13 for 1 mile to the southwest corner of Section 31 – T154N – R30W, then north about 0.6 mile on the undesignated route and the township line to the shore of Upper Red Lake, then northeast about 0.5 mile along the shore of Upper Red Lake to the section line between sections 30 and 31, then east about 0.13 mile along the section line and a minimum maintenance state forest road to an intersection with Kansas City Road (Township Road 805), then northeast about 2.3 miles along Kansas City Road to the intersection with State Highway 72, then south about 2.6 miles to the point of beginning.
- *Shotley Area with Limitations* – from the intersection of Township Road 416 and a minimum maintenance state forest road located about 4 miles east of Shotley, then north about 0.8 miles to Shotley Brook following the state forest road and access route along the township line, then northwesterly along Shotley Brook to CSAH 23, then west along CSAH 23 for about 0.5 mile to a north-south ditch along the section line between sections 14 and 15, then south 2 miles along the ditch then the access route then the minimum maintenance forest road to the intersection with Township Road 416, then east along Township Road 416 to the point of beginning.
- *Saum Area with Limitations* – from the intersection of CSAH 23 and County Road 104 located about 2.5 miles south of Saum; then west along County Road 104, north along county Road 104, and northwesterly along township and Indian Reservation roads to the crossing of the Battle River; then northeasterly along the Battle River to the confluence of the North and South Branches of the Battle River; then northeasterly along the South Branch of the Battle River to CSAH 23; then south along CSAH 23 to the point of beginning

These areas with limitations on off-trail and non-designated trail use are depicted on the maps in *Exhibits A-1 and A-3*, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

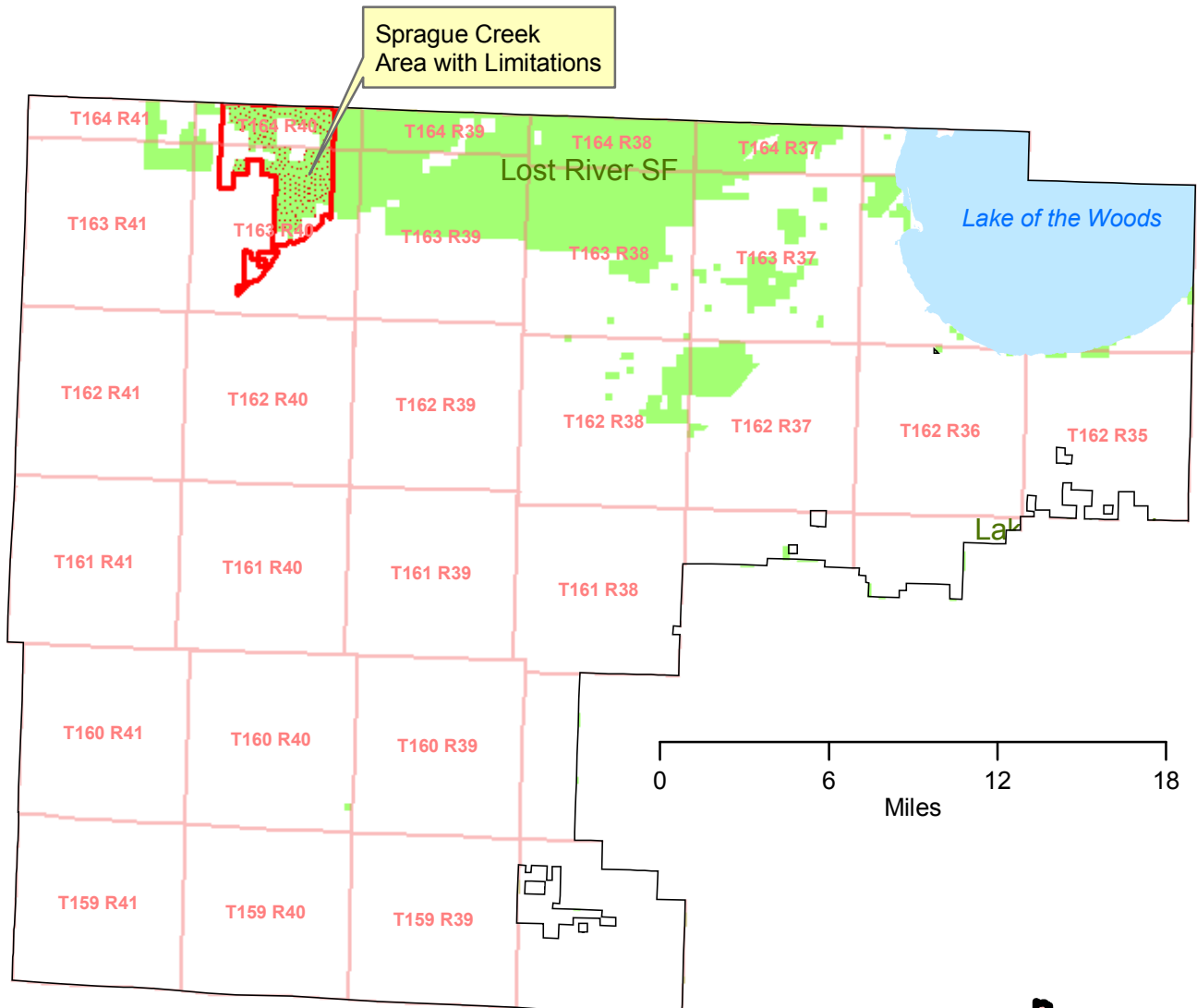
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the above motor vehicle use classifications and designations of areas with limitations shall become effective December 31, 2009.

Date: 12/23/08

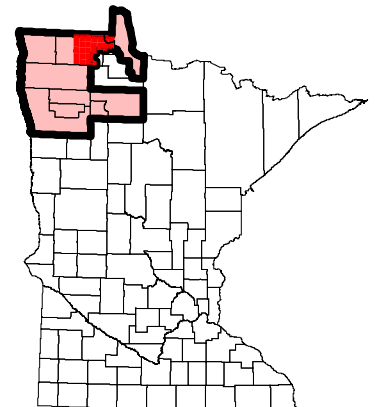
  
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Mark Holsten, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

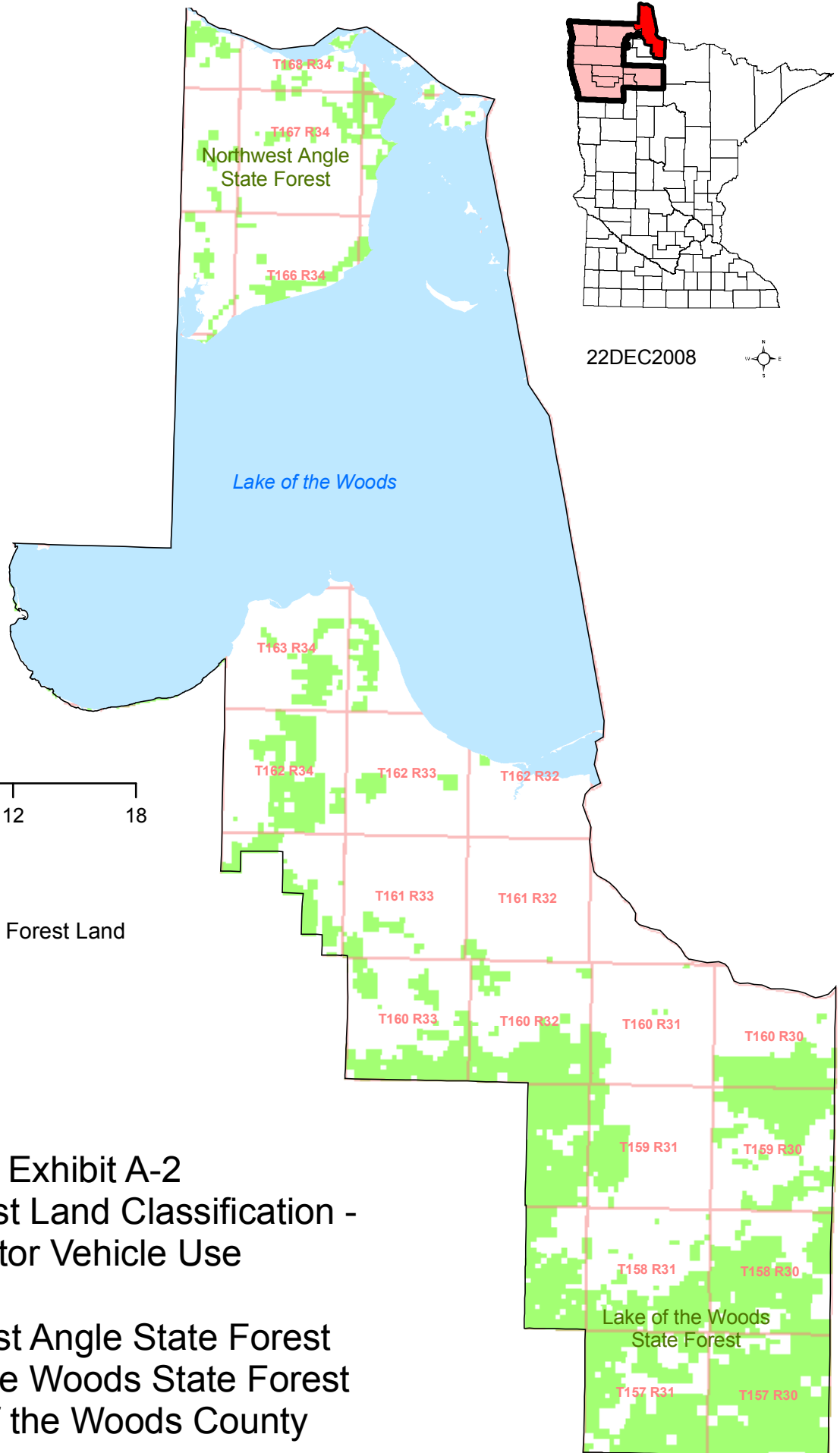
# Exhibit A-1

## State Forest Land Classification - Motor Vehicle Use Designation of Areas with Limitations Lost River State Forest / Eastern Roseau County



- 'Managed' State Forest Land
- Area with Limitations
- State Forest Land in Areas with Limitations
- Township Lines





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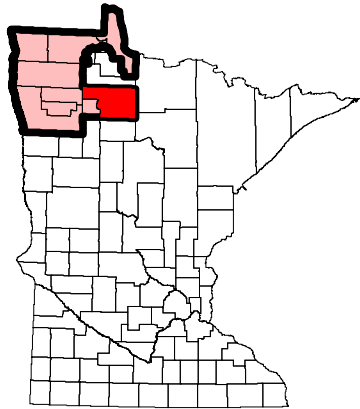
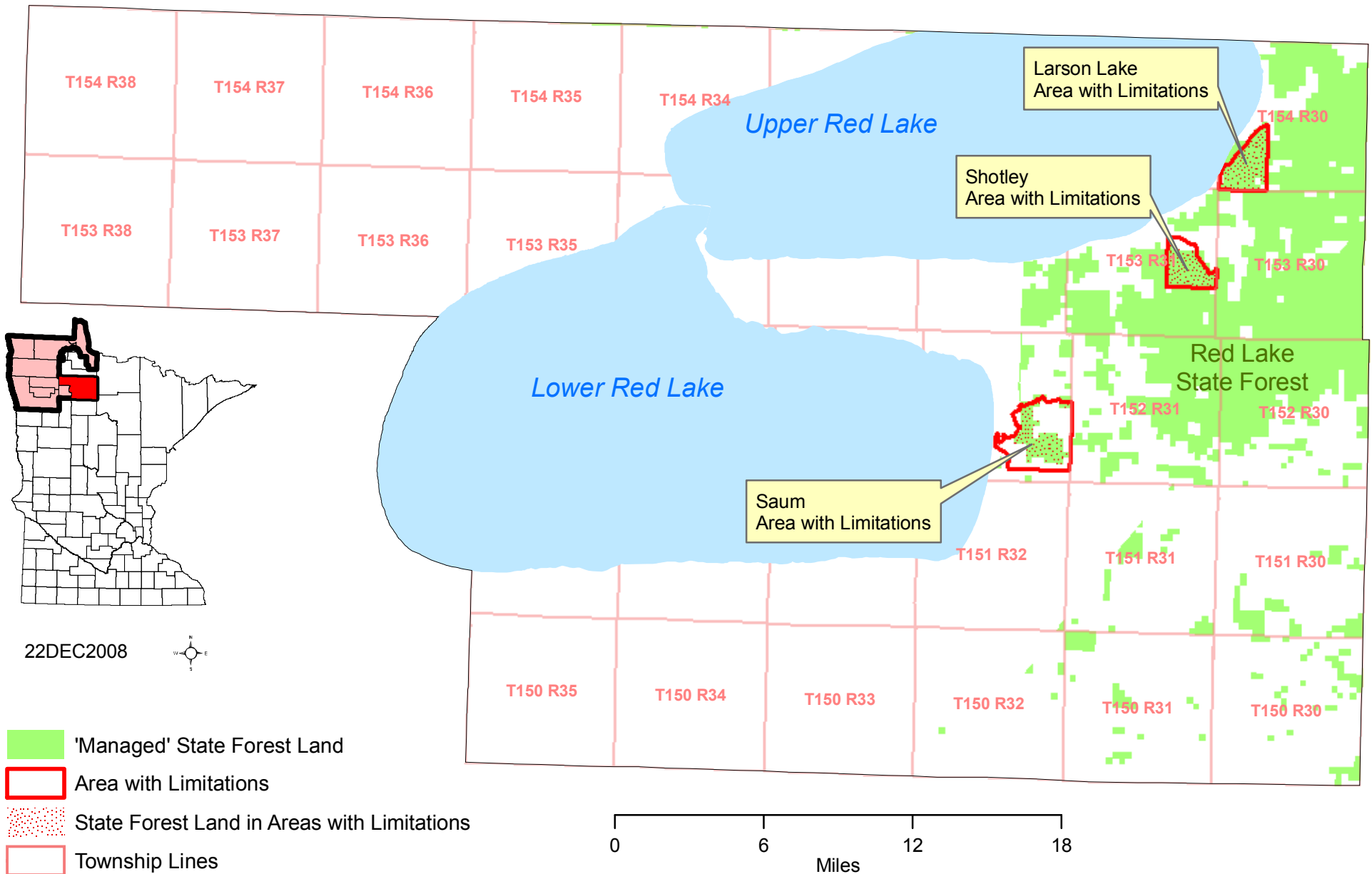
**Exhibit A-2**  
**State Forest Land Classification -**  
**Motor Vehicle Use**

Northwest Angle State Forest  
 Lake of the Woods State Forest  
 Lake of the Woods County

# Exhibit A-3

## State Forest Land Classification - Motor Vehicle Use Designation of Areas with Limitations

### Red Lake State Forest / Central Beltrami County



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- 'Managed' State Forest Land
- Area with Limitations
- State Forest Land in Areas with Limitations
- Township Lines



# Exhibit A-4

## State Forest Land Classification - Motor Vehicle Use Northern Border Scattered State Forest Lands

