

**DECISION RECORD
OFFICIAL NOTICE AND ORDER**

Classification of the Pillsbury State Forest 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 PILLSBURY STATE FOREST
IN CASS COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**NOTICE PUBLISHED: February 22, 2005
EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2005**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources orders the classification of the Pillsbury State Forest, located in Cass County, as *Closed* 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 Pillsbury State Forest is classified as *Closed*, pursuant to authority vested in me by Minnesota law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the classification of the Pillsbury State Forest shall become effective on July 1, 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. 0502273

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