

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Classification of State Forest Lands in Sand Dunes State Forest, Birch Lakes State Forests, Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood Forest and Scattered State Forest Lands within Houston, Fillmore, Olmsted, Winona, Wabasha, Goodhue, Rice, Le Sueur, Dakota, Sherburne, Hennepin, Morrison, Stearns, Benton, Kandiyohi, Martin, Nicollet, Meeker, Sibley and Yellow Medicine 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 Part 6100.1950.*

WHEREAS

1. *Minnesota Laws 2003, Chapter 128, Article 1, Section 167, (as amended in 2005 and 2007) and Minnesota Rules Part 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 for state forest lands for the above listed State Forests and counties in the Forest Classification and Forest Road/Trail Designations for the Southern Minnesota State Forests Access Planning Unit Draft Plan in July 2008. The agency held public meetings and solicited and received written comments and submissions regarding the public's use of forest lands, roads, and trails in the Southern Minnesota Forests Access Planning Unit.
3. All notice and procedural requirements in *Minnesota Statutes*, and other applicable laws and rules have been met.
4. The state forest classification is both needed and reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS 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:

- State forest lands in the Sand Dunes State Forest – Approximately 5,813 acres. This state forest is located in central Sherburne County, Township 34 Range 27 within portions of Sections 16,17,20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29,33,35, and 36.
- State forest lands in the Birch Lakes State Forest – Approximately 527 acres. This state forest is located in Stearns County, Township 34 Range 27 Section 36.

These state forest lands are depicted as 'closed' on the maps in *Exhibits A and B*, 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:

- Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood Forest – Approximately 48,255 acres; This state forest is located in Dakota, Goodhue, Wabasha, Olmsted, Winona, Fillmore and Houston Counties, and
- State forest lands outside of statutory state forest boundaries – Approximately 4,425 acres. These scattered state forest lands are located in Houston, Fillmore, Olmsted, Winona, Wabasha,

Goodhue, Rice, Le Sueur, Dakota, Sherburne, Hennepin, Morrison, Stearns, Benton, Kandiyohi, Martin, Nicollet, Meeker, Sibley and Yellow Medicine Counties of Minnesota.

These state forest lands are depicted as *'limited'* on the maps in *Exhibits C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J and K* 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: 11.12.08



Mark Holsten, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Exhibit A

State Forest Land Classification

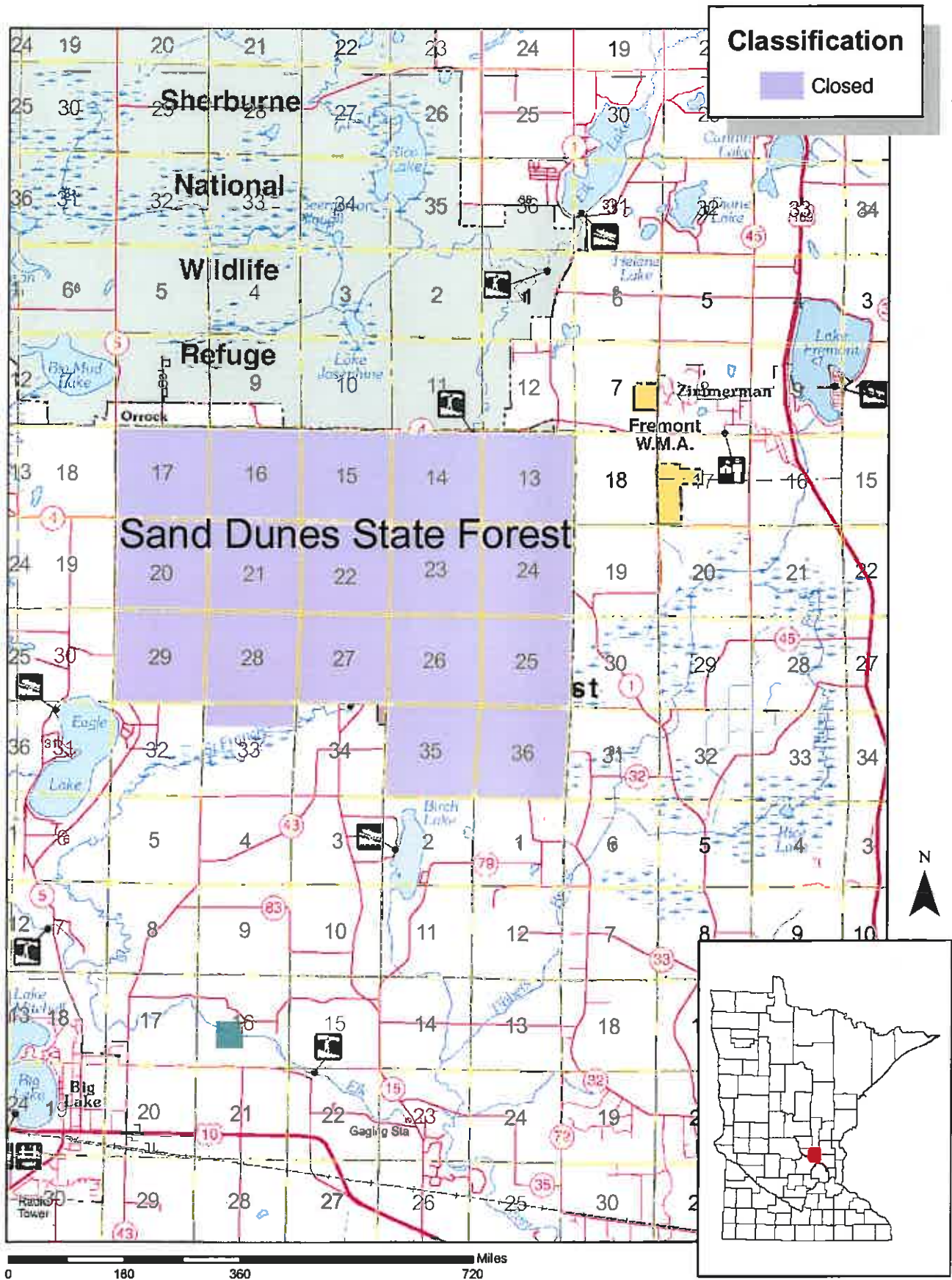


Exhibit B

State Forest Land Classification

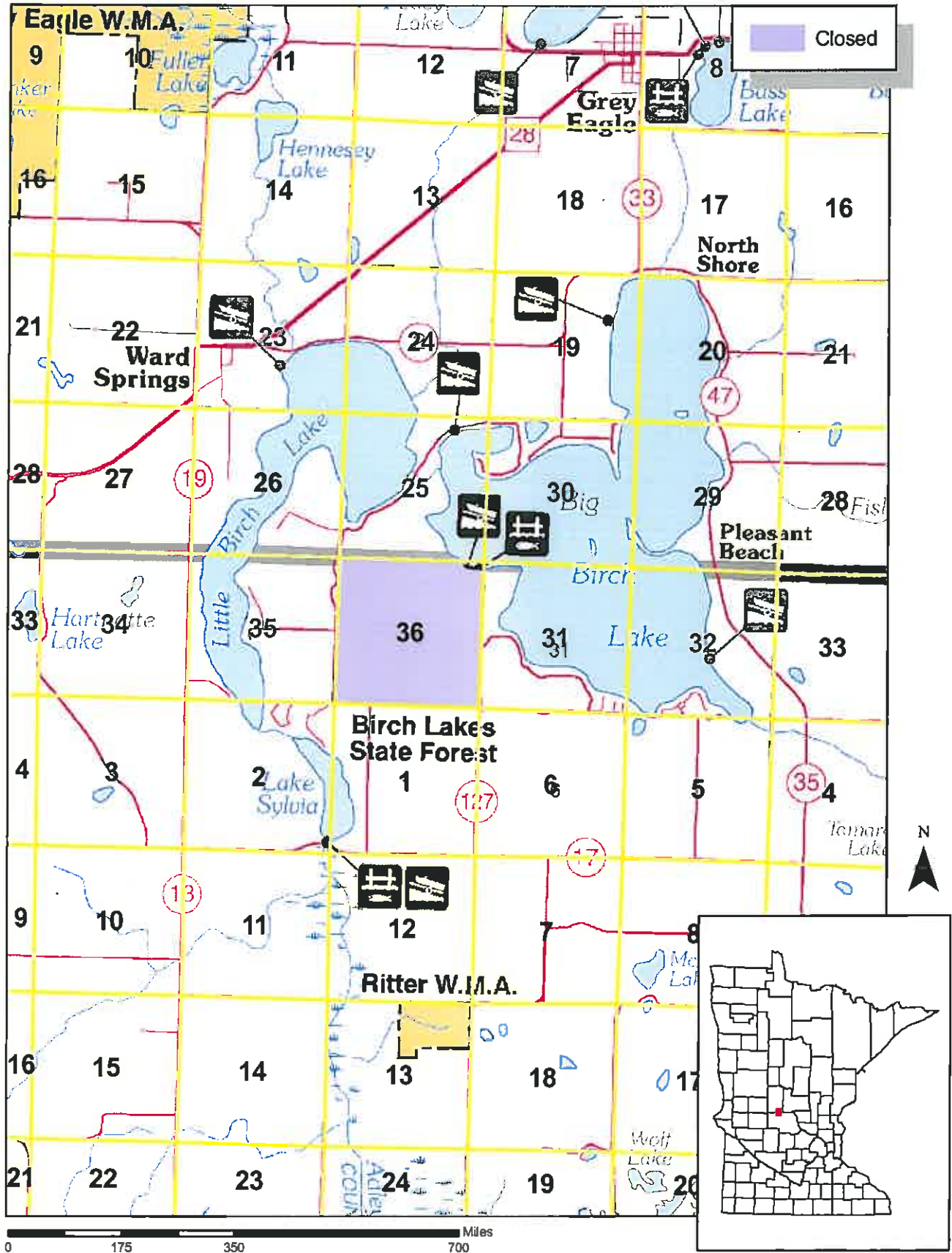


Exhibit D

State Forest Land Classification

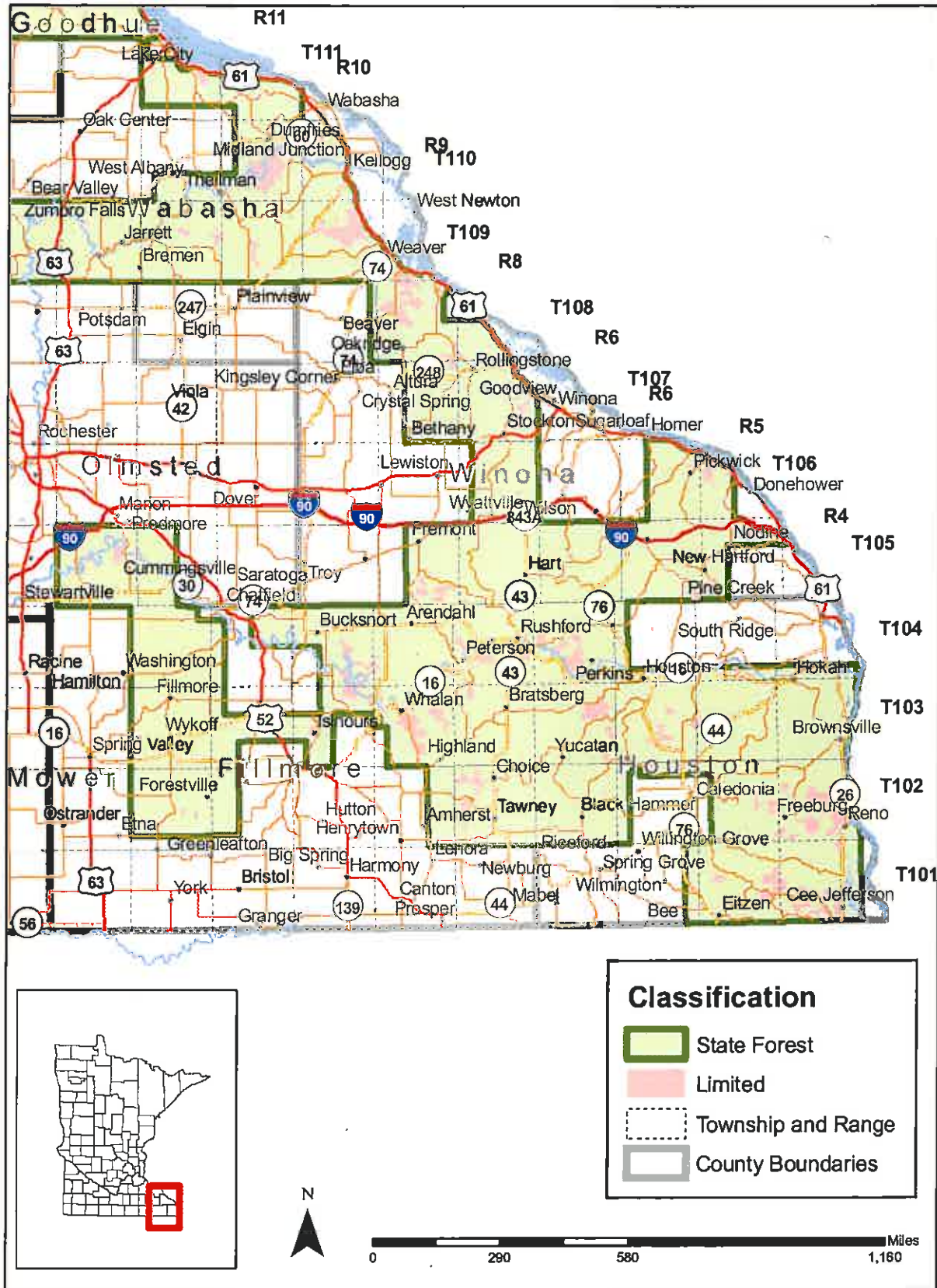


Exhibit E

State Forest Land Classification (Benton, Morrison Counties)

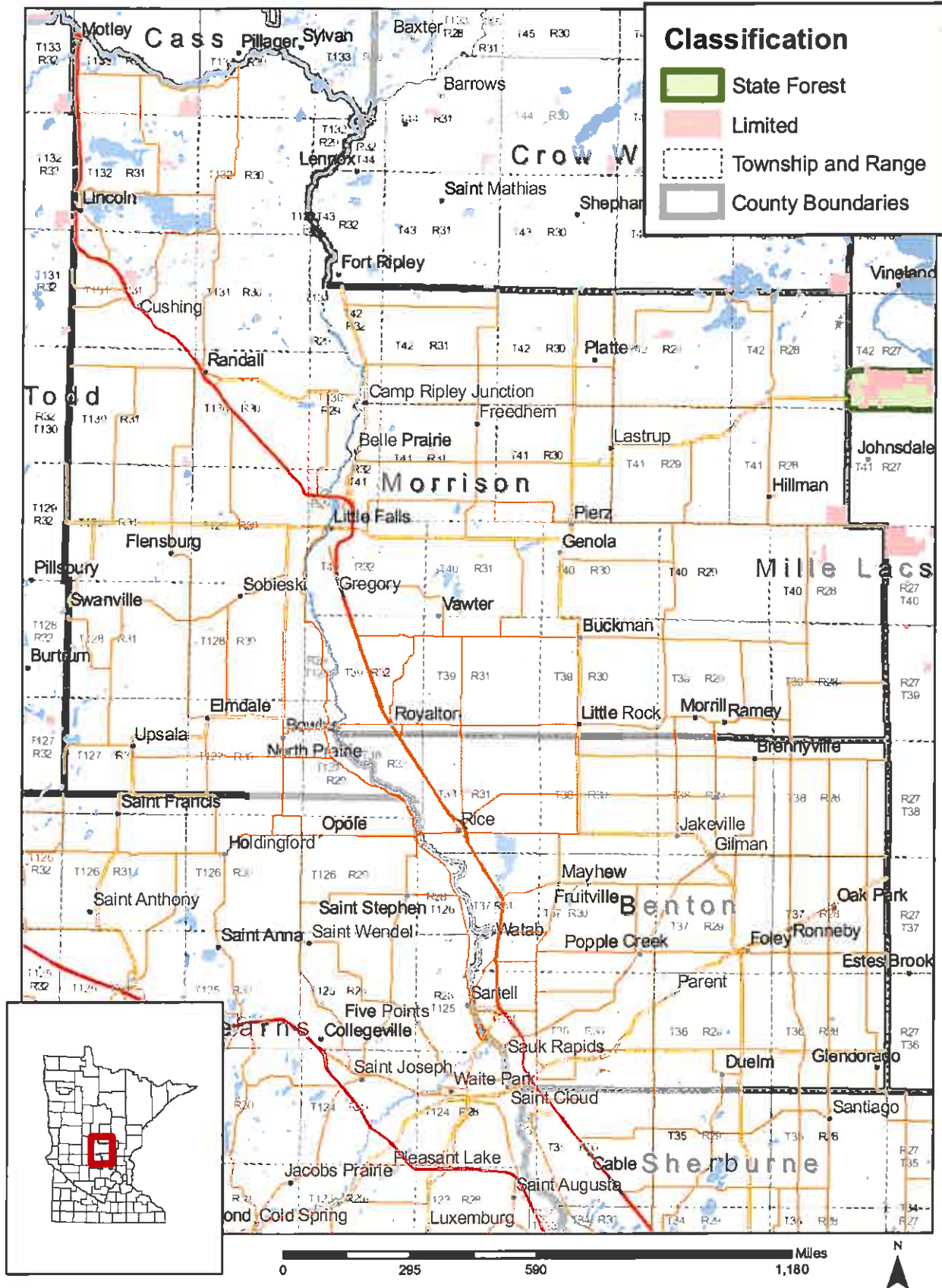


Exhibit F

State Forest Land Classification (Kandiyohi, Meeker, Stearns Counties)

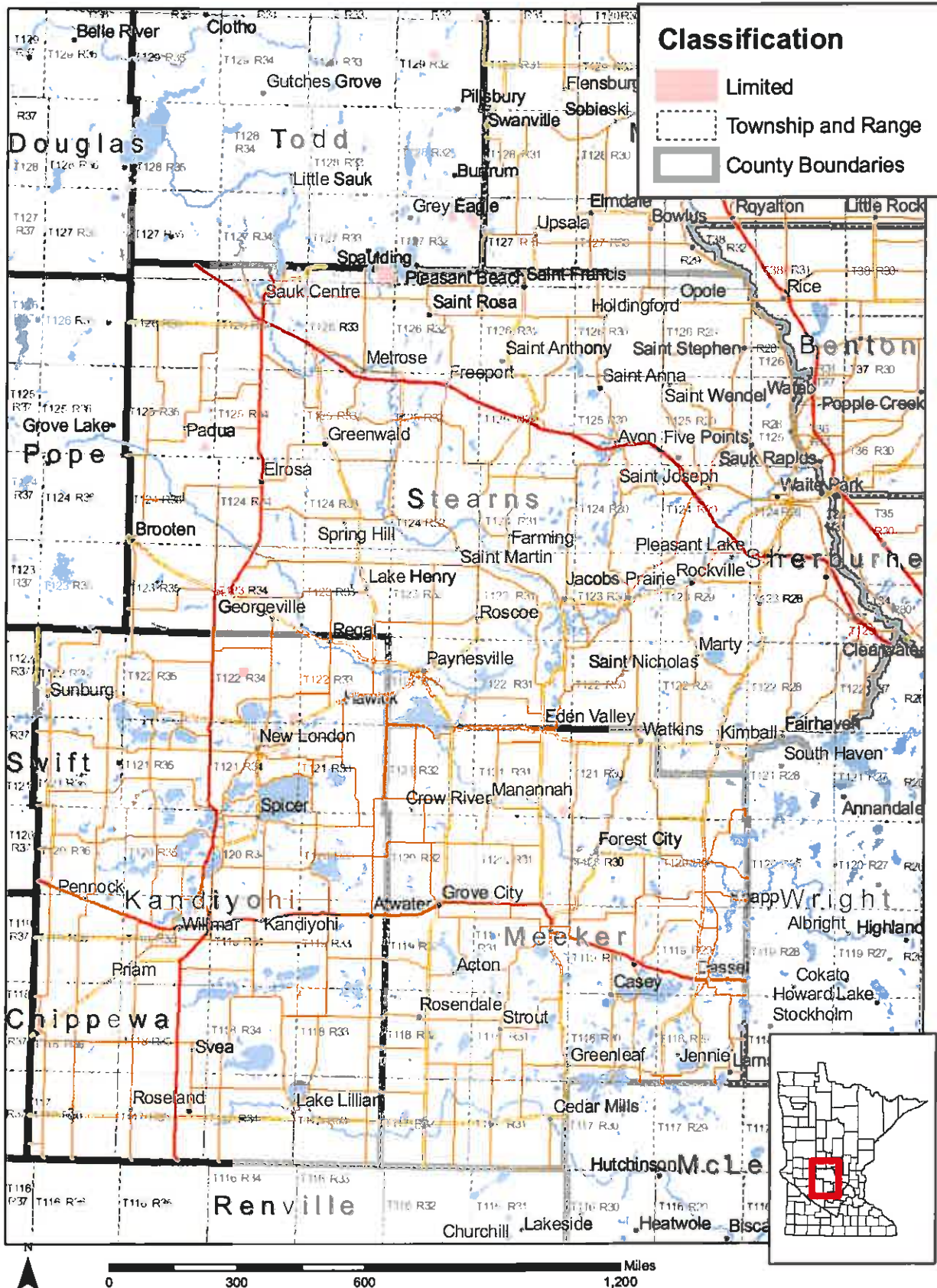


Exhibit H

State Forest Land Classification (Dakota, Goodhue, Le Sueur, Rice Counties)

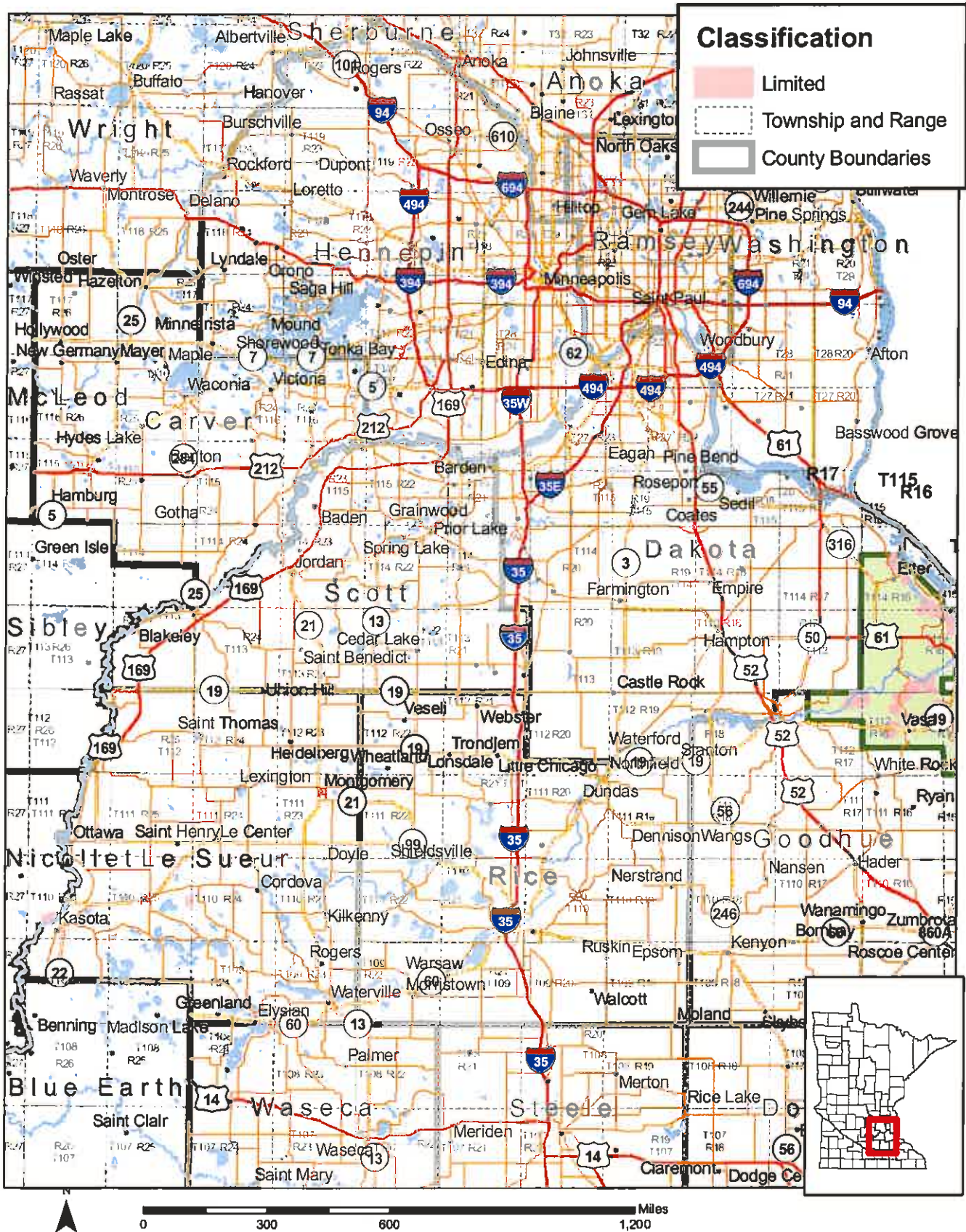


Exhibit I

State Forest Land Classification (Nicollet, Sibley Counties)



Exhibit J

State Forest Land Classification (Yellow Medicine County)

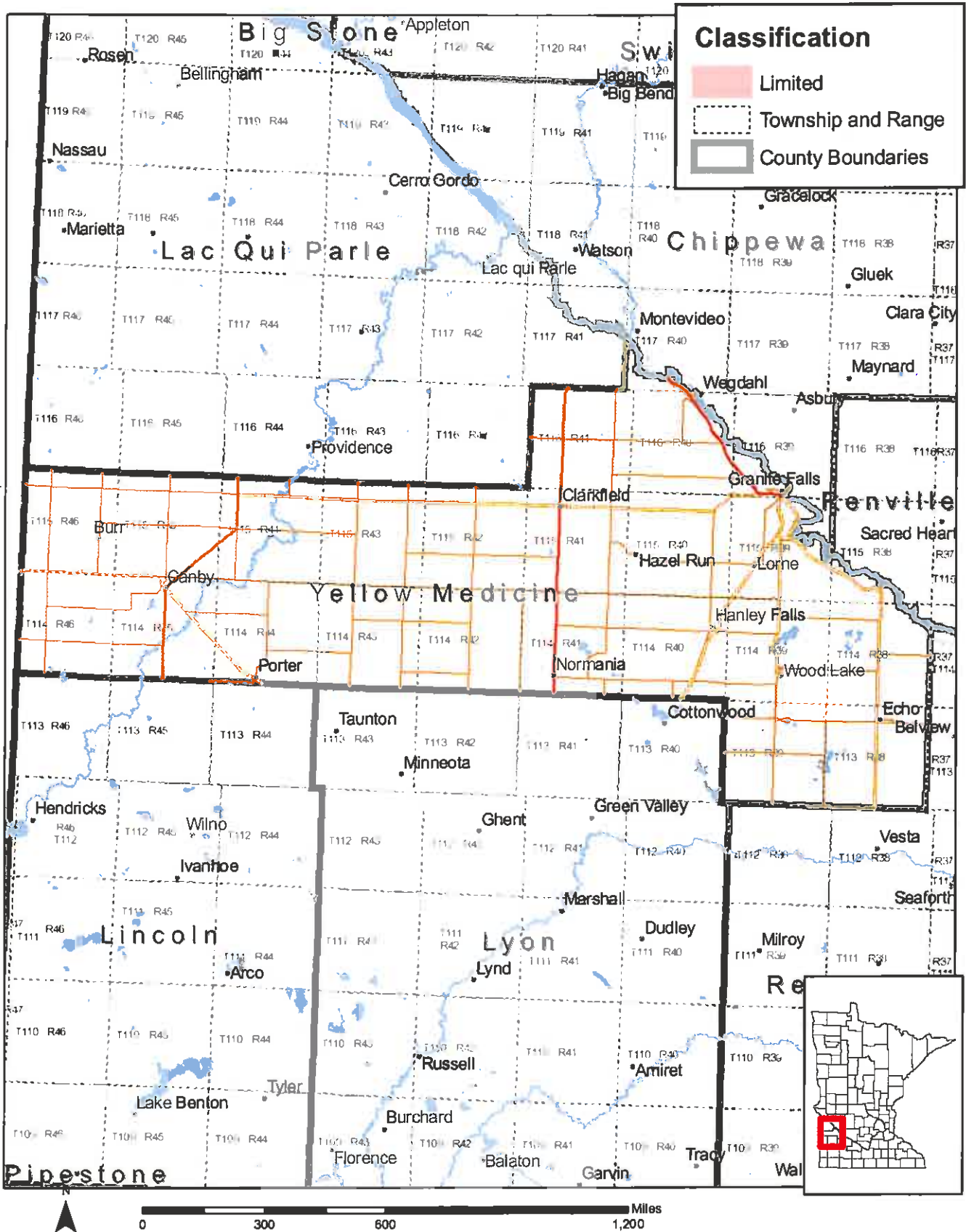
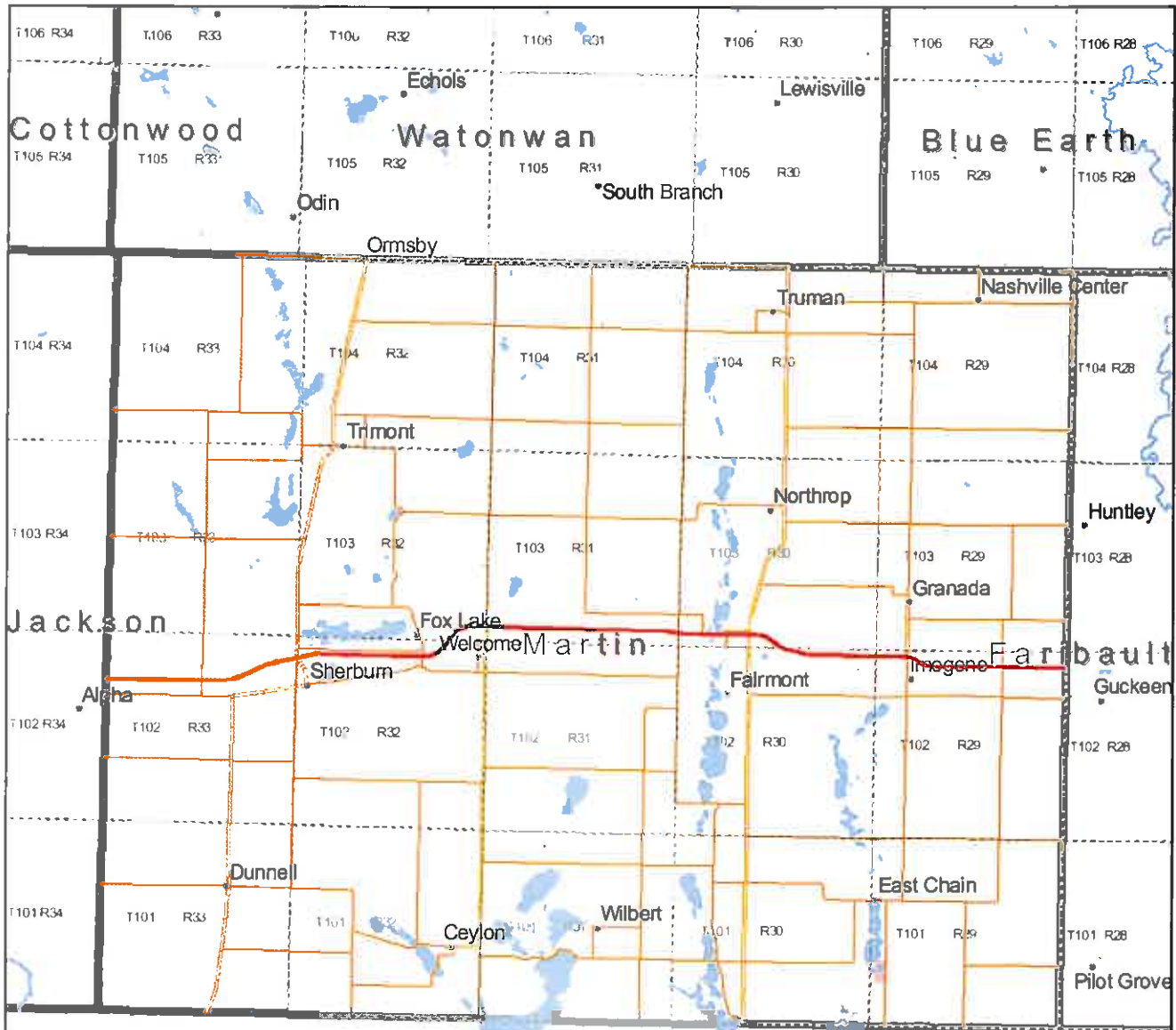


Exhibit K

State Forest Land Classification (Martin County)



Classification

- Limited
- County Boundaries

