

## Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

**Designation of Forest Trails in the Sand Dunes State Forest, Birch Lakes State Forest, 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.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes 2006*, section 89.19, subdivision 2, the forest trails described in this order are designated for specified recreational uses.

### **WHEREAS:**

1. *Minnesota Statutes 2006, Section 89.19, Subdivision 2* authorizes designation of forest trails by written order and requires public notice and public meetings prior to trail designation.
2. *Minnesota Rules 2007, 6100.1355 NONMOTORIZED USE* requires specific authorizes designation of equestrian and bicycle trails within the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood Forest.
3. *Minnesota Rules 2007, 6100.1950 Subp.7- C*, specifically authorizes designation of snowmobile trails within the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood Forest.
4. *Minnesota Laws 2003, Chapter 128, Article 1, Section 167 (as amended in 2005 and 2007)* directs the Commissioner of Natural Resources to complete a review of the classification of state forests with respect to motor vehicle use and to designate roads and trails on state forest lands.
5. The Department of Natural Resources published its proposed motor vehicle use classification and forest road and trail designations in a 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 state forests and counties listed above.
6. All public notice and public meeting requirements of *Minnesota Statutes, Section 89.19, Subdivision 2* and other applicable laws and rules have been met.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** that the forest trails described below are hereby designated pursuant to authority vested in me by Minnesota law:

1. Non-Motorized – The 29.01 miles of trails depicted on maps in *Exhibits A, B and C* attached hereto and incorporated herein, are designated as non-motorized trails.
2. Equestrian Trails – The 145.80 miles of trails depicted on the maps in *Exhibits D and E*, attached hereto and incorporated herein, are designated as non-motorized trails with specific designation for use as equestrian trails within the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood Forest.
3. Mountain Bike Trails – The 108.99 miles of trails depicted on the maps in *Exhibits F and G*, attached hereto and incorporated herein, are designated as non-motorized trails with specific designation for use as mountain biking trails within the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood Forest.

4. Snowmobile Trails – The 17.03 miles of trails depicted on the maps in *Exhibits H and I*, attached hereto and incorporated herein, are designated primarily for use as Snowmobile trails within the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood Forest.

5. All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) / Off-Highway Motorcycle (OHM) Trails – The 21.53 miles of trails depicted on the maps in *Exhibit J and K*, attached hereto and incorporated herein, are designated primarily for use as ATV and OHM trails.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that these trail designations shall become effective December 31, 2009.

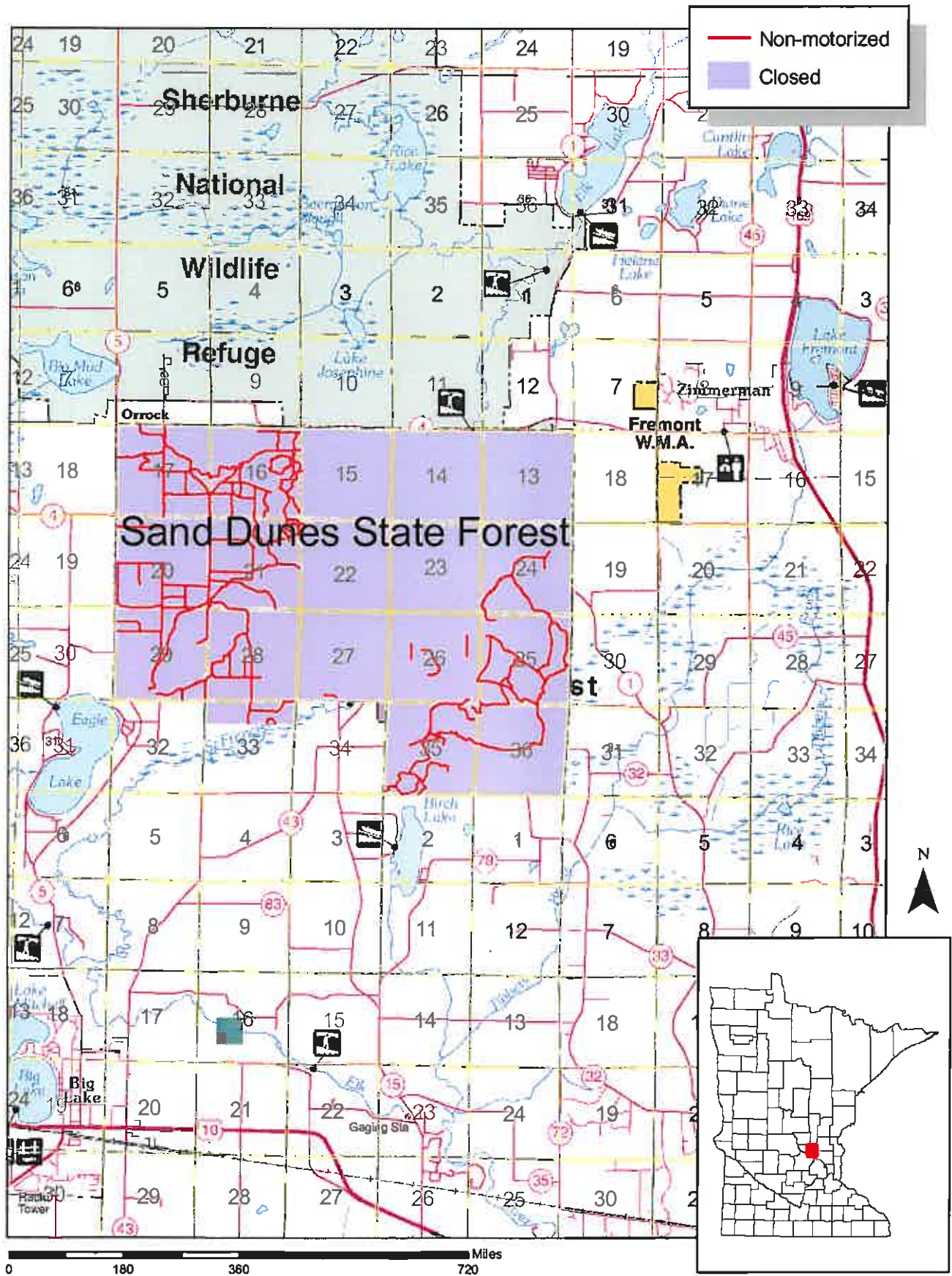
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Mark Holsten, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

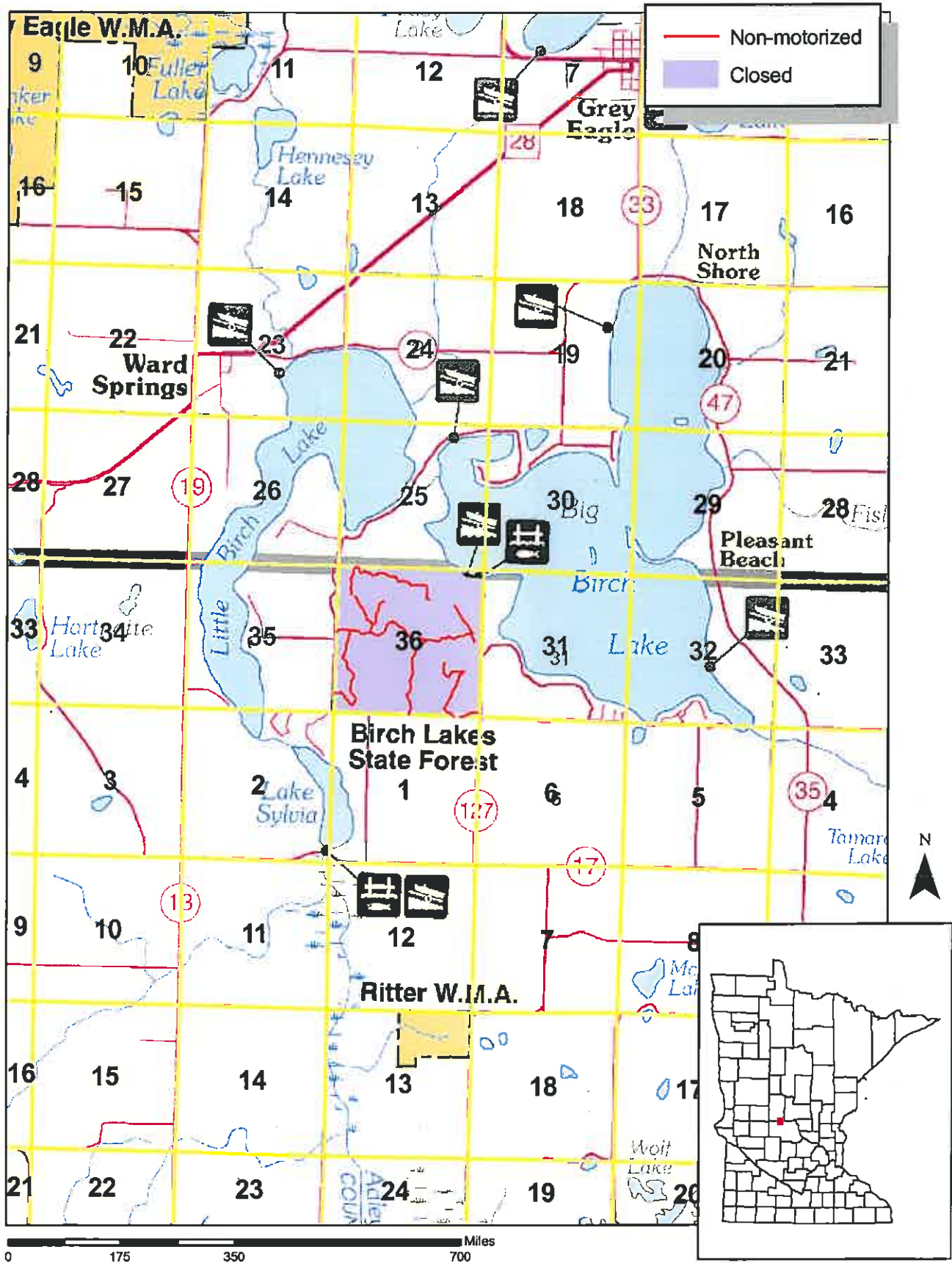
# Exhibit A

## State Forest Trail Classification



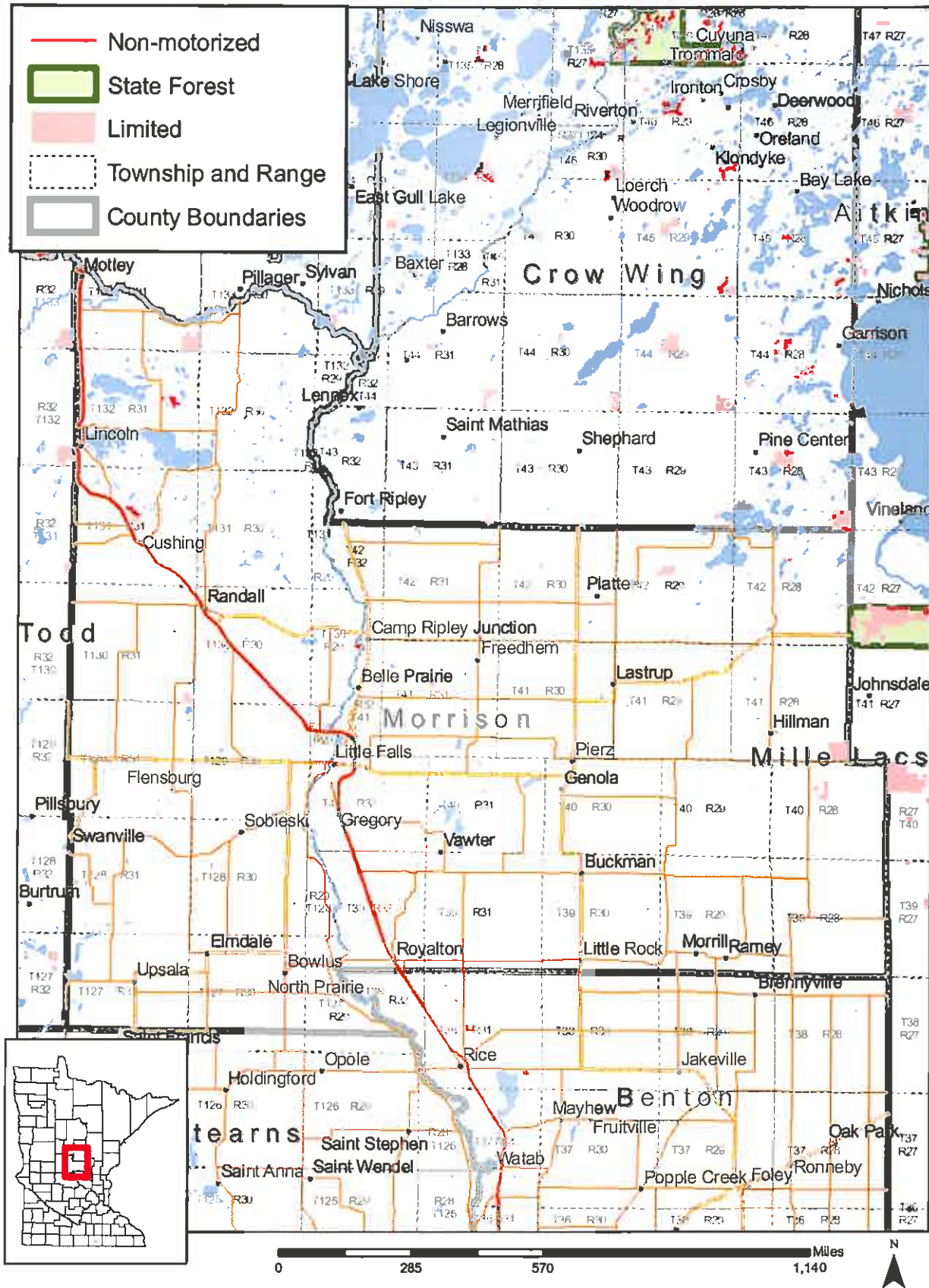
# Exhibit B

## State Forest Trail Classification



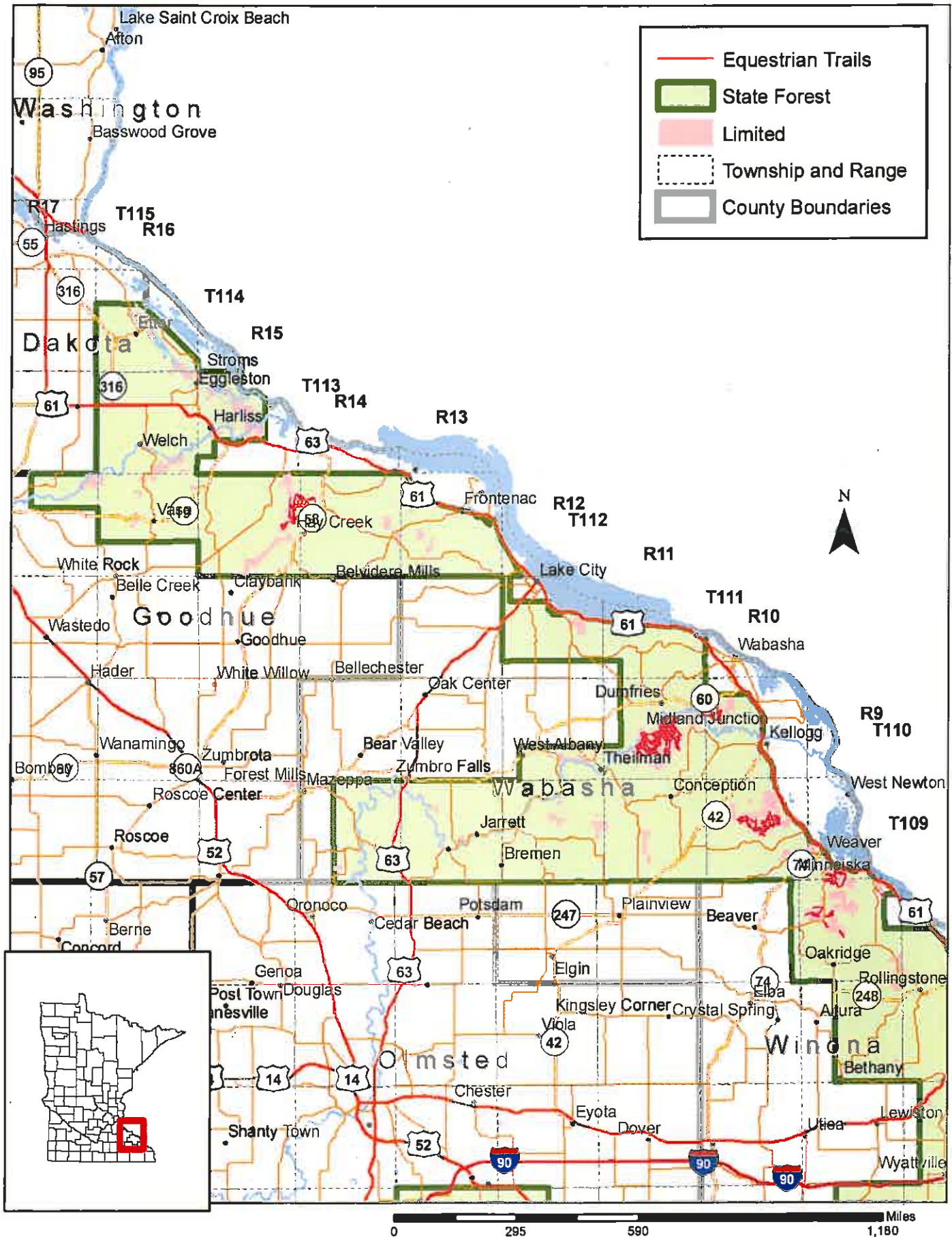
# Exhibit C

## State Forest Non-motorized Designation



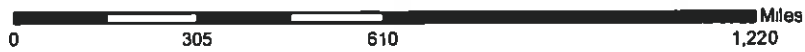
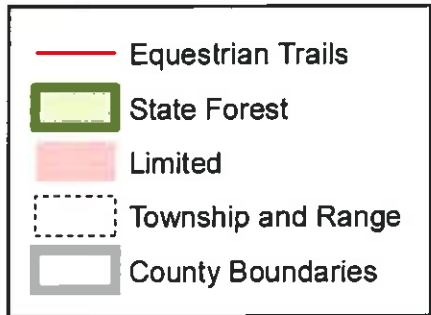
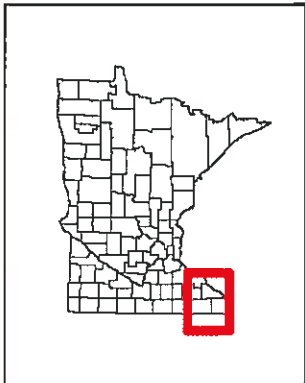
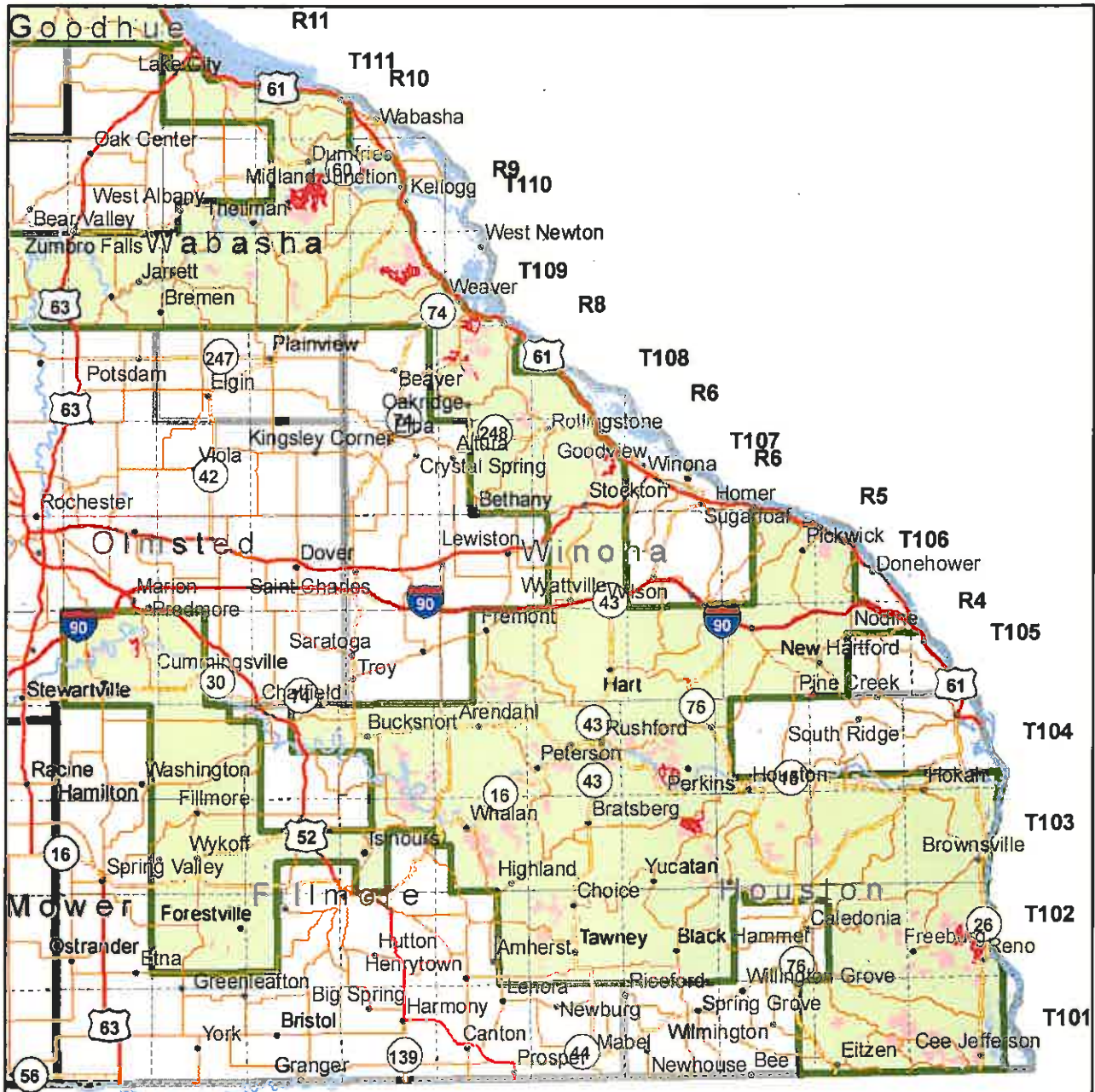
# Exhibit D

## State Forest Equestrian Trails



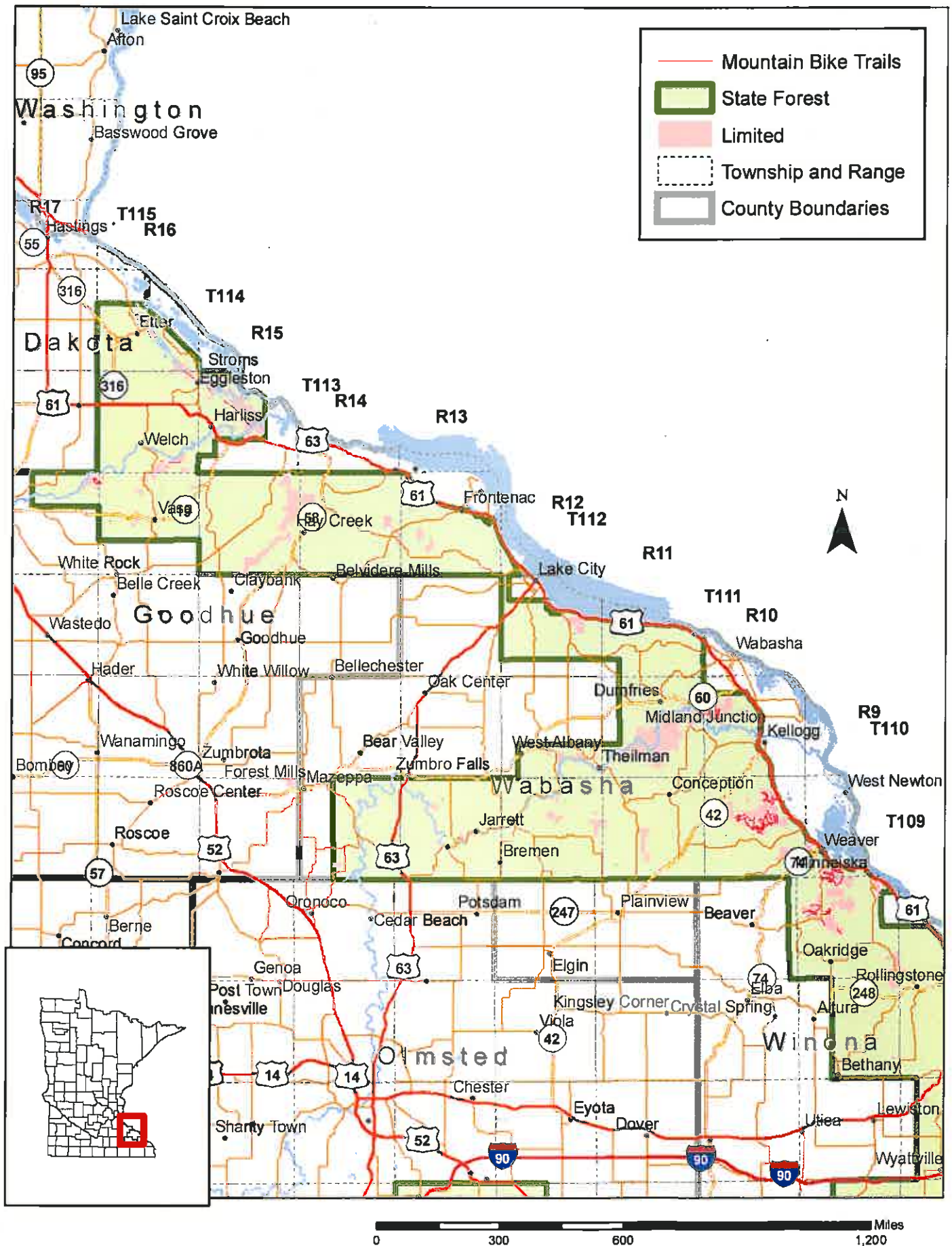
# Exhibit E

## State Forest Equestrian Trails



# Exhibit F

## State Forest Mountain Bike Designation



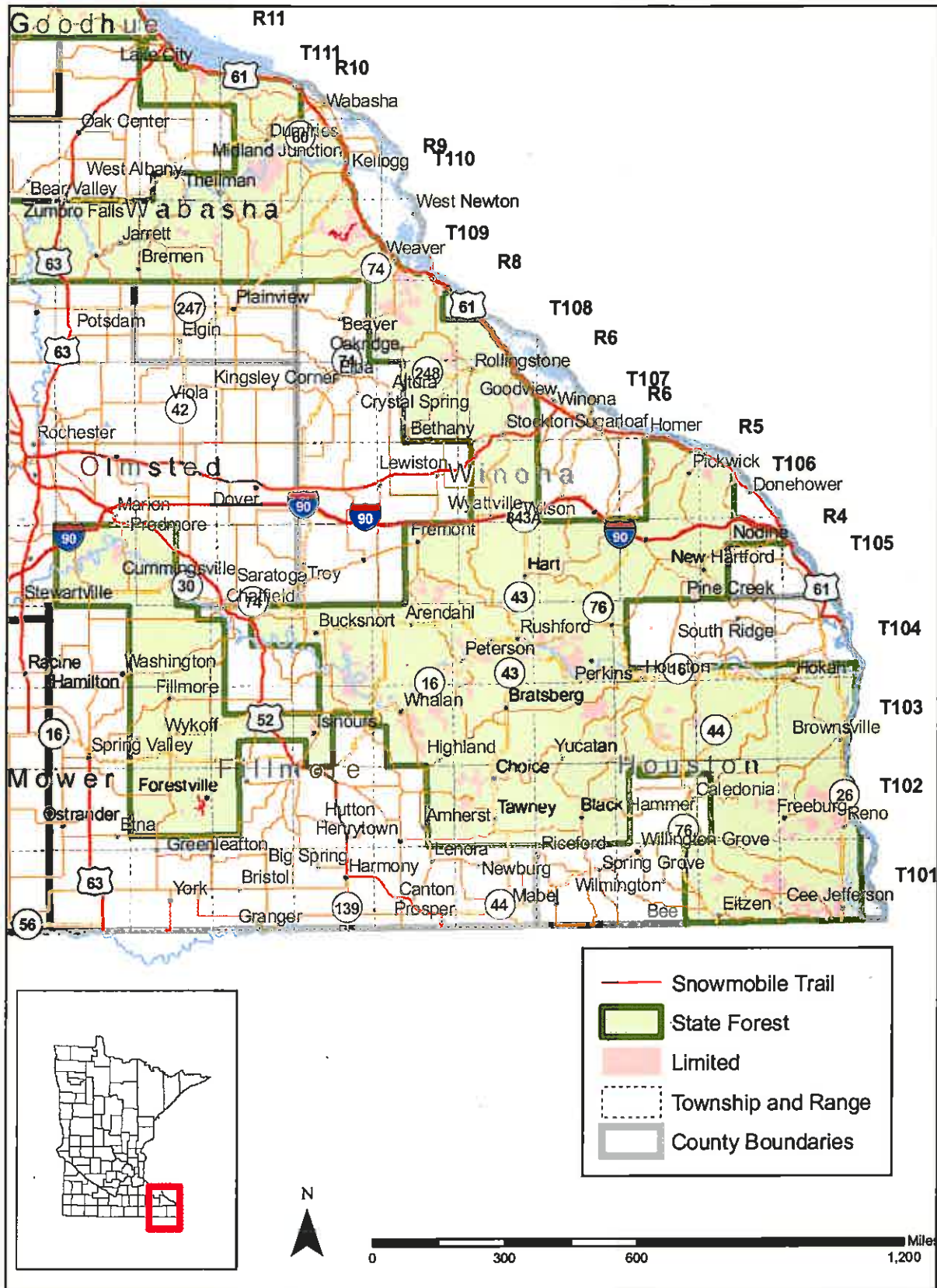






# Exhibit I

## State Forest Snowmobile Trail Designation





# Exhibit K

## State Forest ATV / OHM Trail Designation

