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**DECISION RECORD
OFFICIAL NOTICE AND ORDER**

Classification of the Rum River State Forest within Mille Lacs, Morrison and Kanabec Counties with respect to motor vehicle use pursuant to *Minn. Laws 2003, Chapter 128, Article 1, Section 167, Subdivision 1 (as amended), Minnesota Statutes Chapter 84.926, Subd. 5 and Minnesota Rules, Chapter 6100.1950.*

**CLASSIFICATION OF THE RUM RIVER STATE FOREST
IN MILLE LACS, MORRISON & KANABEC COUNTIES
AND OTHER STATE FOREST LANDS UNDER THE AUTHORITY
OF THE COMMISSIONER IN MILLE LACS COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

**NOTICE PUBLISHED: JANUARY 8, 2007
EFFECTIVE DATE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2007**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources orders the classification of the Rum River State Forest, located in Mille Lacs, Morrison and Kanabec Counties, as '*Limited*' with respect to the operation of motor vehicles.

WHEREAS:

1. *Minnesota Laws 2003, Chapt. 128, Art. 1, Sect. 167, as amended by M.L. 2005, First Special Session, Chapt. 1, Art. 2, Sect. 152* 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, to classify said forests as regards motor vehicle operation, and to designate motor routes on state-administered forest lands.
2. The agency held public meetings in both Mille Lacs and Kanabec Counties, and solicited and received written comments and submissions on the proposed forest classification. Comments were incorporated into the Final Forest Classification & Motor Route Designation Plan for the Rum River State Forest.
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 state forest lands located within the Rum River State Forest, located in Mille Lacs, Morrison and Kanabec Counties, be classified as '*Limited*', pursuant to authority vested in me by Minnesota Law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other state forest lands under the authority of the Commissioner located in Mille Lacs County be classified as *'Limited'*, pursuant to authority vested in me by Minnesota Law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the area identified in the Final Rum River Plan as the Esker / Tunnel Valley Non-Motorized Area, identified in *Exhibit A*, attached hereto and incorporated herein, be established pursuant to MS Chap. 84.926, Subd. 5 with respect to motor vehicle use.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the classification of the Rum River State Forest, designation of the Non-Motorized Area, and classification of all other lands under the authority of the Commissioner in Mille Lacs County, shall become *'Limited'* effective September 1, 2007.

A copy of this order shall be filed with the Secretary of State.

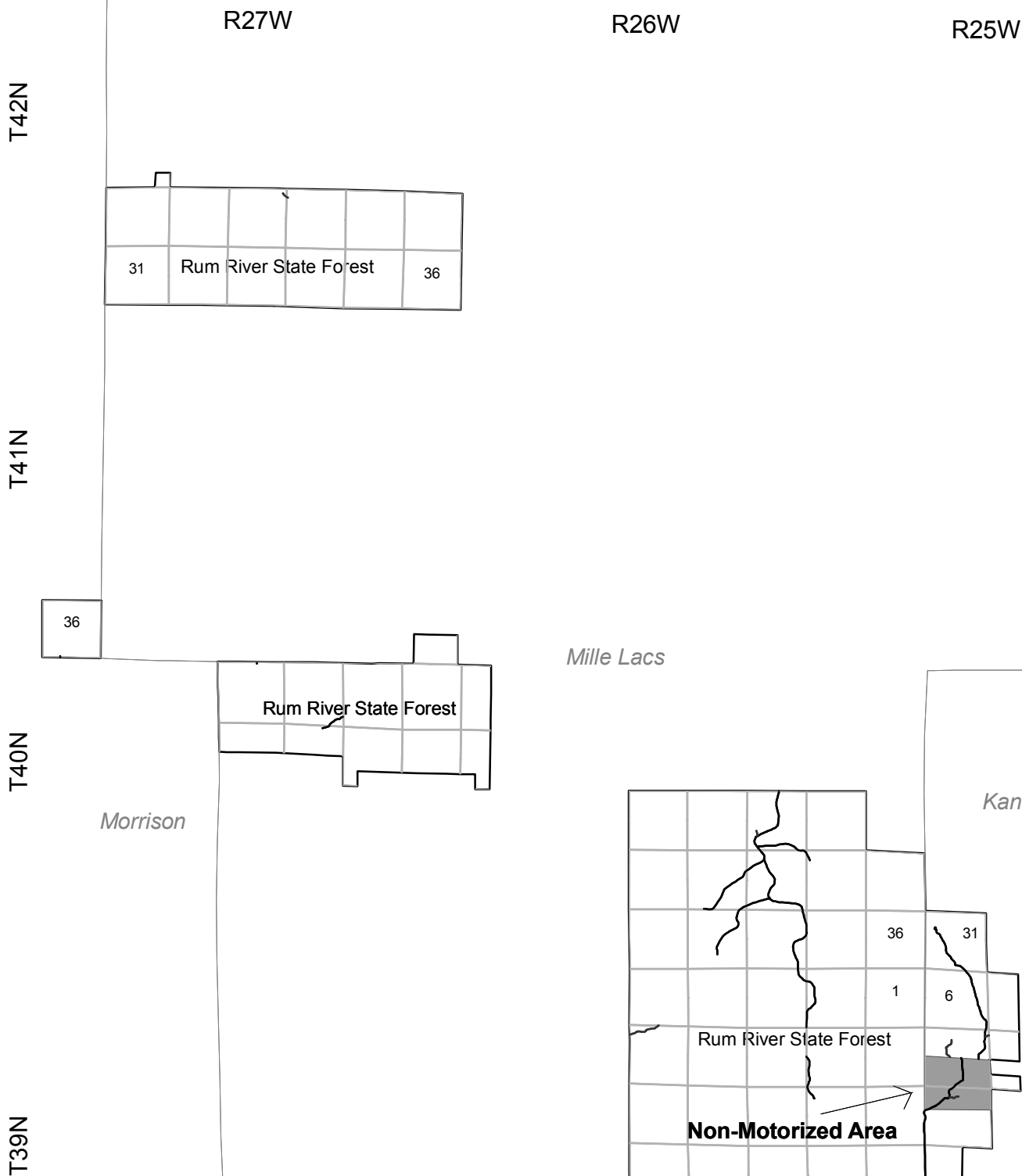
Date 12/27/06

Gene Merriam, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Signed copy on file with MN Secretary of State – Refer to No. 0701665

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Exhibit A: Rum River State Forest Non-Motorized Area Designation December 2006



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