

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

CLASSIFICATION OF THE STURGEON RIVER STATE FOREST AND OTHER STATE FOREST LANDS UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE COMMISSIONER IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA WITH RESPECT TO MOTOR VEHICLE USE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioner of Natural Resources orders the classification of state forest lands pursuant to *Minnesota Laws 2003, Chapt. 128, Art. 1, Sect. 167 (as amended in 2005 & 2007)* and *Minnesota Rules Part 6100.1950*.

The commissioner orders the classification of state forest lands within St. Louis County, including lands located within and outside of the Sturgeon River State Forest, as either 'managed', 'limited' or 'closed' with respect to motor vehicle use. These forest land classifications are as shown in *Exhibit A*, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

WHEREAS:

1. *Minnesota Laws 2003, Chapt. 128, Art. 1, Sect. 167 (as amended in 2005 & 2007)* and *Minnesota Rules Part 6100.1950* require the Commissioner of Natural Resources to classify state forest lands with respect to motor vehicle use.
2. The agency published its' proposed motor vehicle use classification and forest road and trail designations in a draft plan in April 2007. Public meetings were held and written comments and submissions were received regarding the public's use of forest lands, roads and trails in St. Louis County.
3. All public notice and procedural requirements in *Minnesota Statutes*, and other applicable rules and legal obligations have been fulfilled.
4. The state forest classification is both needed and reasonable.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that state forest lands located within the Sturgeon River State Forest, be classified as either 'managed', 'limited' or 'closed' with respect to motor vehicle use, as shown in *Exhibit A*, attached hereto and incorporated herein, pursuant to authority vested in me by Minnesota Law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above motor vehicle use classifications and motor-limited area designations shall become effective December 31, 2009.

9-22-08

Date



Mark Holsten, Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Exhibit A

State Forest Land Classification

