

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Classification of State Forest Lands in Aitkin, Anoka, Cass, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Pine and Washington 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*.

The commissioner further orders that state forest lands described below be designated as areas with limitations on off-trail and non-designated trail use pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes, Section 84.926, Subd. 5*.

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. *Minnesota Statutes 2006, Section 84.926, Subd. 2 and 4* allow some hunting and trapping-related motor vehicle uses on state forest lands classified as 'limited' or 'managed' with respect to motor vehicle use. *Section 84.926, Subdivision 5* authorizes the commissioner to designate areas on state forest lands not subject to the exceptions provided in *Subd. 2 and 4*.
3. The agency published its proposed forest road and trail designations for state forest lands in Aitkin, Anoka, Cass, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Pine and Washington Counties in July 2008. Public meetings were held and written comments and submissions were received regarding the public's use of forest lands, roads, and trails in these counties.
4. All notice and procedural requirements in *Minnesota Statutes*, and other applicable laws and rules have been met.

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 all or parts of Sections 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27 of T50N R23W in the Savanna State Forest in Aitkin County.
- State forest lands in all or parts of Sections 18, 19, 30, 31 of T42N R22W; Sections 13, 14, 24, 25, 26, 36 of T42N R23W; Sections 1, 2 of T41N R23W; and Section 6 of T41N R22W in the Snake River State Forest in Kanabec County.
- State forest lands including Section 16 of T42N R23W, except for the E ½ of SE ¼ outside of state forest boundaries in Kanabec County; and
- State forest lands including Section 16 of T45N R20W, except for the E ½ of NE ¼ outside of state forest boundaries in Pine County.

These state forest lands are depicted as 'closed' on the maps in *Exhibits A-1, A-2, A-3 and A-4*, 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:

- State forest lands in the D.A.R. State Forest;

- State forest lands in the Hill River State Forest;
- State forest lands in the Land O'Lakes State Forest.
- State forest lands in the Waukenabo State Forest.
- State Forest Lands in the Savanna State Forest , except for 'closed' lands described above.
- State forest lands in the Snake River State Forest, except for 'closed' lands described above.
- Approximately 57,989 acres of state forest lands outside of statutory state forest boundaries in Aitkin County;
- Approximately 649 acres of state forest lands outside of state forest boundaries in Anoka County;
- Approximately 16,043 acres of state forest lands outside of state forest boundaries in Southern Cass County;
- Approximately 157 acres of state forest lands outside of state forest boundaries in Chisago County;
- Approximately 158 acres of state forest lands outside of state forest boundaries in Isanti County;
- Approximately 3,360 acres of state forest lands outside of state forest boundaries in Kanabec County; and,
- Approximately 15,598 acres of state forest lands outside of state forest boundaries in Pine County;

These state forest lands are depicted as '*limited*' on the maps in *Exhibits A-1, A-2, A-3 and A-4*, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that state forest lands within the areas described below be designated as areas with limitations on off-trail and non-designated trail use pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes, Section 84.926, Subdivision 5*:

- *Pillsbury / Meadowbrook* - Approx. 658 acres of state forest lands located in Section 36 of T135N R31W in Cass County.
- *Deep Portage / Birch Lake* – Approx. 1,305 acres of state forest lands located in Sect. 36 of T140N R30W; Sec. 12, 13, 14, of T139N R30W; and Sec. 6 & 7 of T139N R29W. These lands are adjacent to Cass County lands in the Deep Portage Conservation Reserve.
- *Boy River / Child Lake* - Approx. 213 acres of state forest lands located in portions of Sect. 16 of T140N R29W in Cass County.
- *Washburn Lake / Margaret Lake* - Approx. 263 acres of state forest lands located in all or parts of Sec. 10, 15 & 16 of T139N R25W in Cass County.
- *Land O'Lakes* – Approx. 3,841 acres of state forest lands located in all or portions of Sec. 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31 & 32 of T140N R25W inside the Land O' Lakes State Forest in Cass County.
- *McGregor Marsh* - Approx. 1,111 acres of state forest lands located in all or portions of Sec. 4 & 6 of T47N R23W in Aitkin County.
- *Sugar Bush / Two Rivers* – Approx. 2,742 acres of state forest lands located in all or portions of Sect. 19, 20, 21, 29, 30, 31 & 32 of T50N R22W; Sec. 36 of T50N R23W; Sec. 6 of T49N R22W; and Sec. 1 of T49N R23W inside the Savanna State Forest in Aitkin County.
- *Chelsey Brook* – Approx. 2,200 acres of state forest lands located in all or portions of Sec. 6 & 7 of T42N R22W; and Sec. 1 & 12 of T42N R23W inside the Snake River State Forest in Kanabec County.
- *Rum River Esker Addition* – Approx. 80 acres of state forest lands located in parts of Sec. 8 of T39N R25W in Kanabec County.

- *Trelipe Township* - Approx. 1,382 acres of state forest lands located in all or portions of Sec. 4, 16, 26 & 36 of T139N R27W inside the Land O' Lakes State Forest in Cass County.
- *Blind Lake* - Approx. 640 acres of state forest lands located in Section 16 of T139N R28W inside the Land O' Lakes State Forest in Cass County.

These areas with limitations on off-trail and non-designated trail use are depicted on the maps in *Exhibits A-1, A-2, A-3 and A-4*, 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 September 1, 2009.

Date: 11.4.08



Mark Holsten, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Exhibit A-1 Cass-South State Forest Land Classification

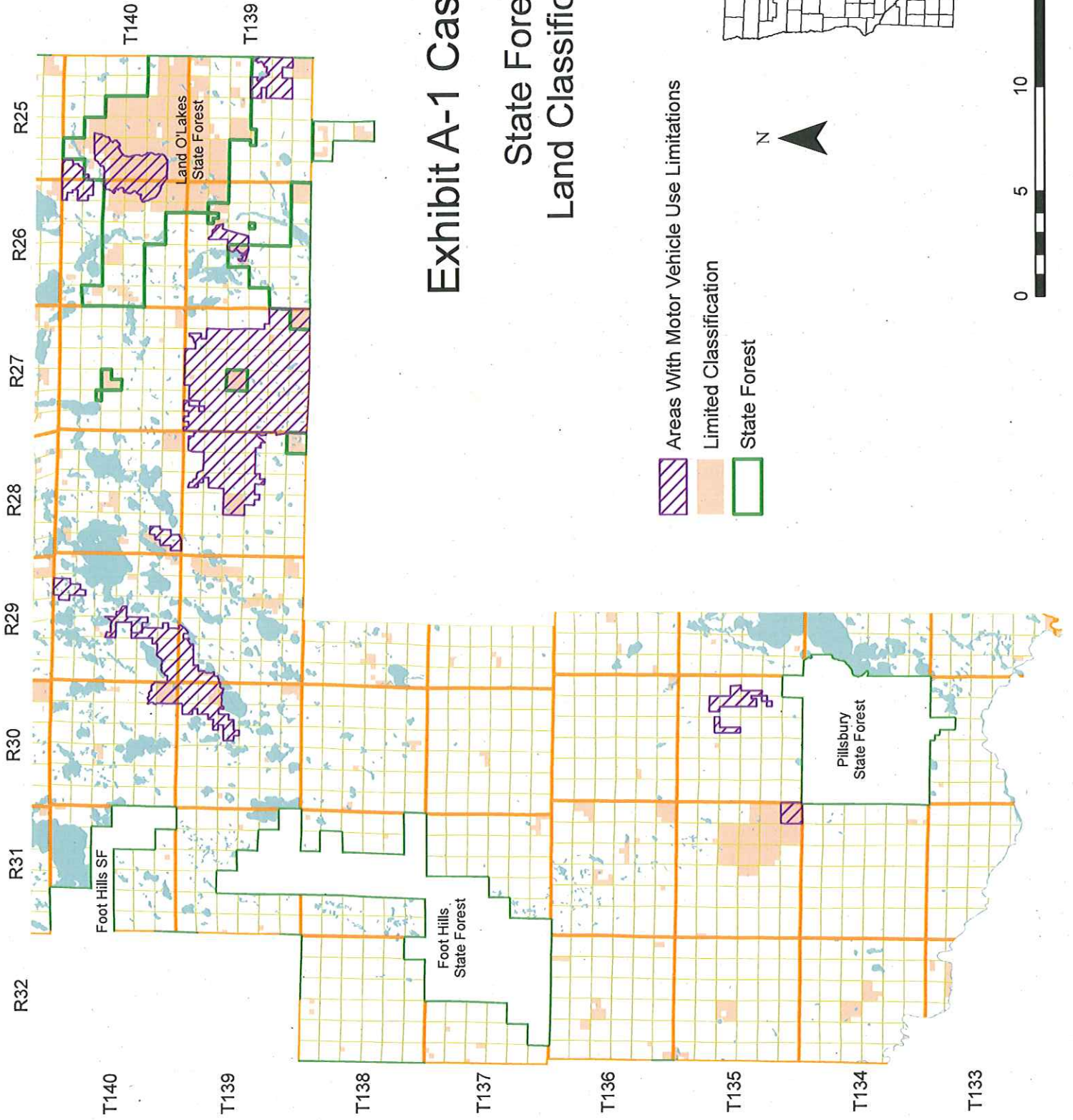


Exhibit A-2 Aitkin State Forest Land Classification

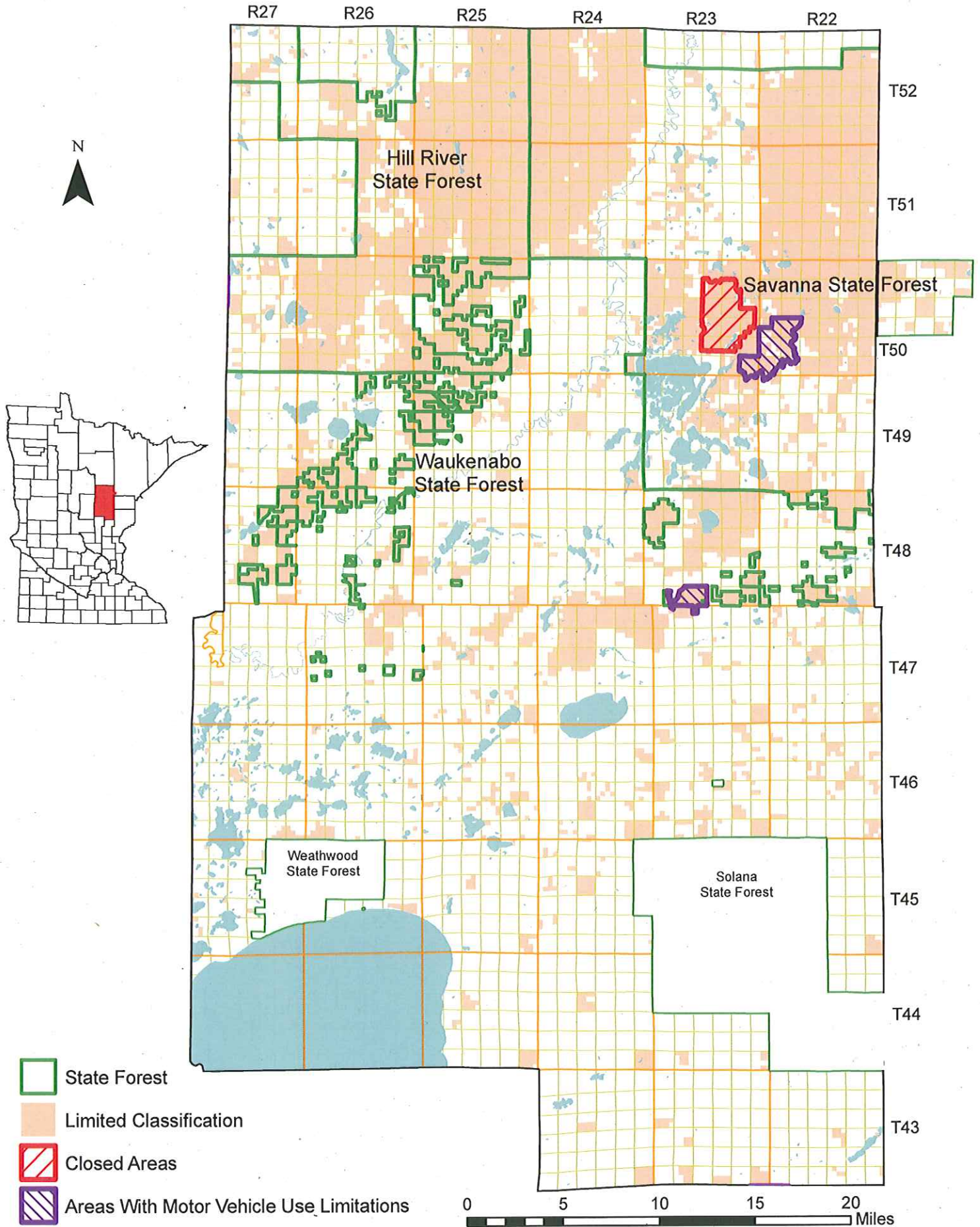




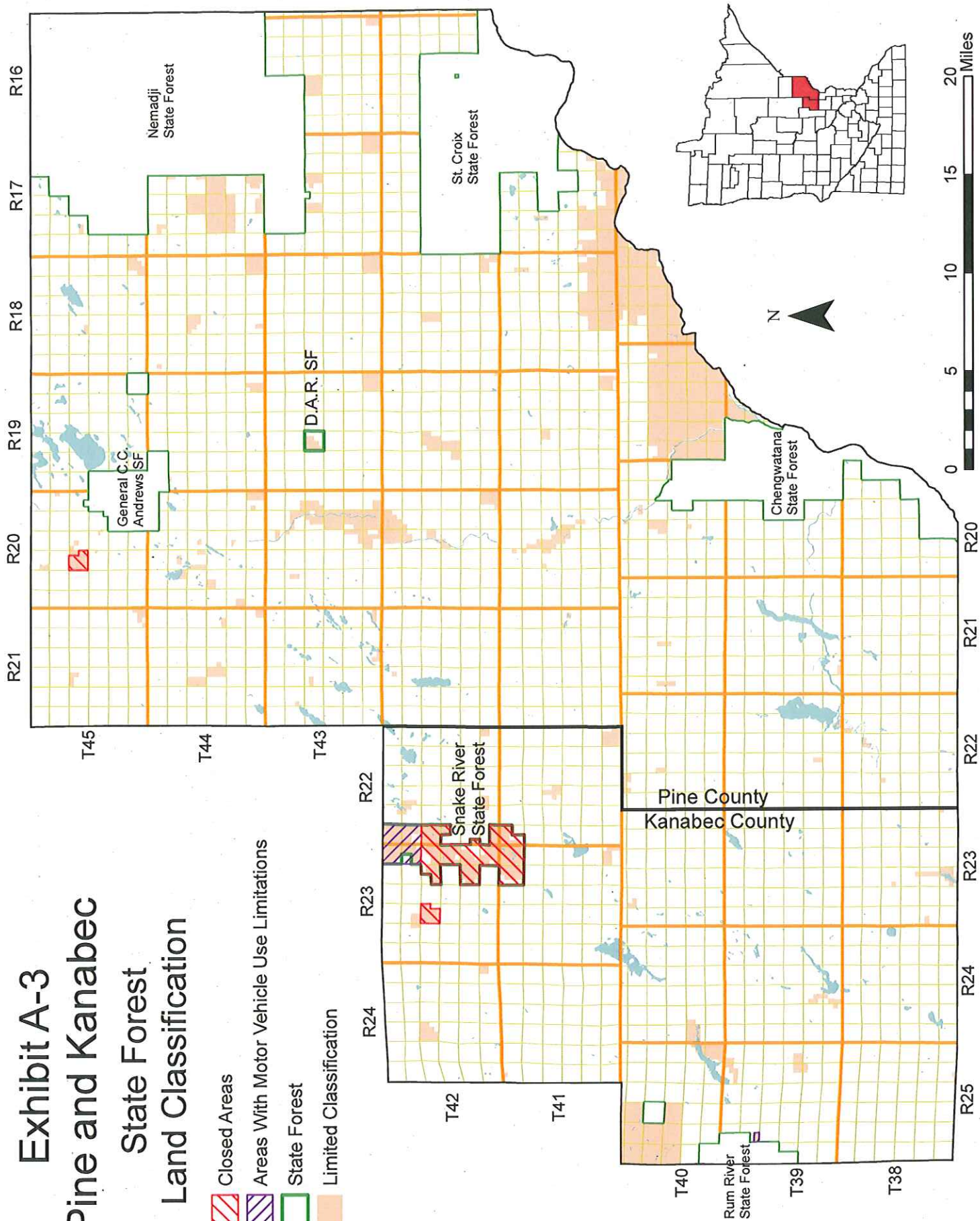


Exhibit A-3 Pine and Kanabec

State Forest Land Classification

-  Closed Areas
-  Areas With Motor Vehicle Use Limitations
-  State Forest
-  Limited Classification



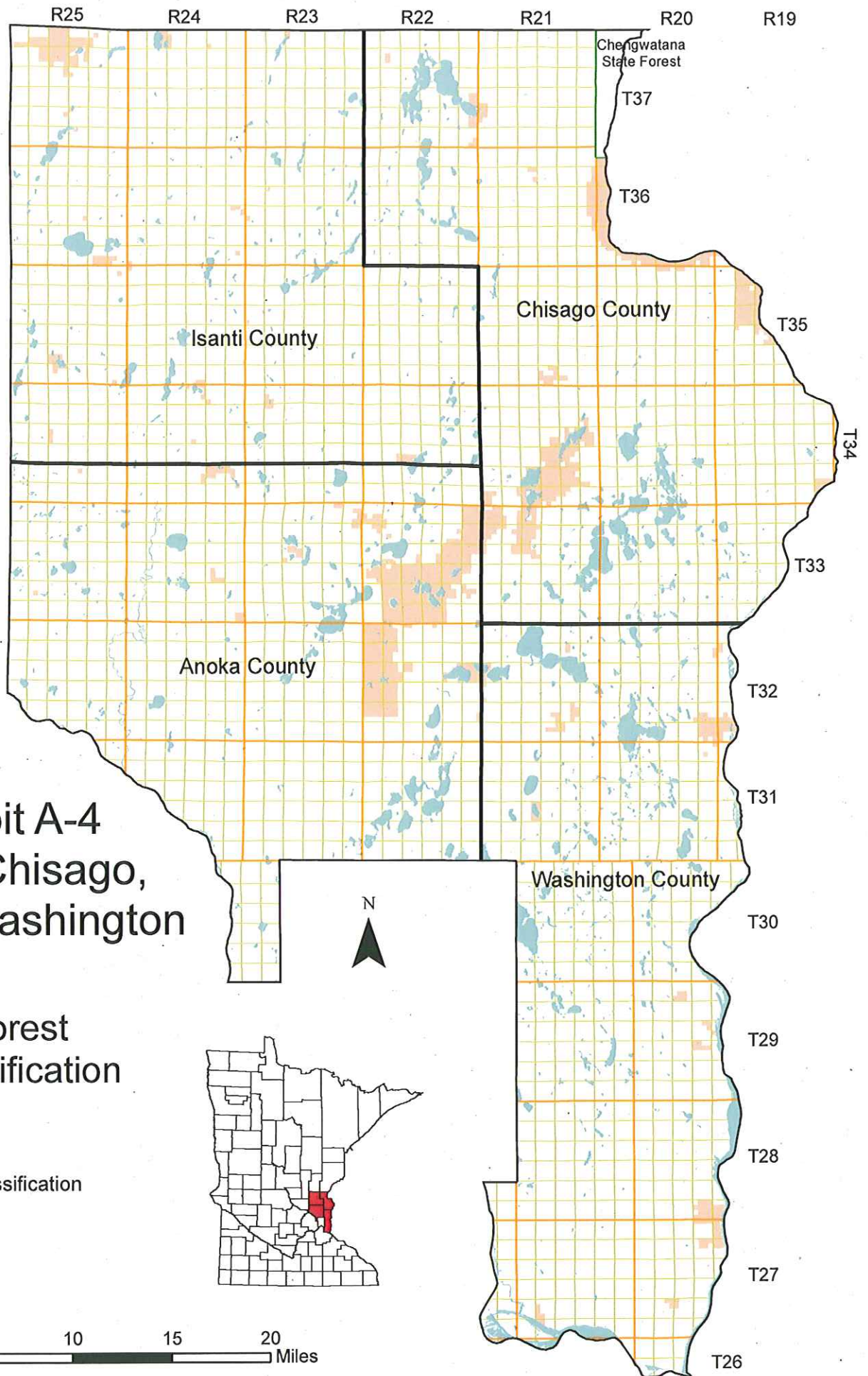


Exhibit A-4
Isanti, Chisago,
Anoka, Washington

State Forest
Land Classification

- State Forest
- Limited Classification

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