

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Classification of State Forest Lands in Becker, Clearwater, and Mahnomen 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 Chapter 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, Subdivisions 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 that are not subject to the exceptions provided in *Subdivisions 2 and 4*.
3. The Department of Natural Resources published its proposed motor vehicle use classifications; proposed forest road and trail designations; and proposed areas with limitations for state forest lands in Becker, Clearwater and Mahnomen Counties in a draft plan in May 2008.
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 'limited' with respect to motor vehicle use, pursuant to authority vested in me by Minnesota law:

- State forest lands in the White Earth State Forest;
- State forest lands, outside state forest boundaries, in Becker, Clearwater and Mahnomen Counties; and

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*:

- *Upper Rice Lake* – Approx. 4,710 acres in Sections 34, 35, 36 of T146N, R37W, and in Sect. 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16 of T145N R37W inside the White Earth State Forest in

southwestern Clearwater County. This area lies North of Co. Road 113, North of the Wild Rice River, West of Upper Rice lake, West of Co. Road 84 and Co. Road 32, South of Co. Road 13 and East of Co. Road 92. The Wild Rice River and Upper Rice Lake form the area's southern and eastern boundaries, respectively.

- *Snider Lake Area* - Approx. 3,360 acres inside the White Earth State Forest in southeastern Mahnomen County. This includes Sections 1-3, 10-12, 13-15, and 22-24 of T143N R40W inside the White Earth State Forest. This area lies north of TH 113; North and West of Town Road 203; West of County Roads 4 and 8; South of Co. Road 6; and, East of Co. Roads 3 and 28.

These areas with limitations on off-trail and non-designated trail use are depicted on the maps in *Exhibits A-5 and A-6*, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

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

Date: _____

9.25.08



Mark Holsten, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Exhibit A-1: Becker County State Forest Land Classification

R38

R37

R36

R38

R37

R36

R38

R37

R36

T150

T149

T148

T147

T146

T145

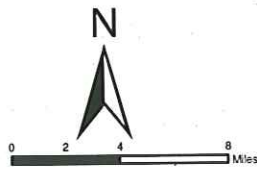
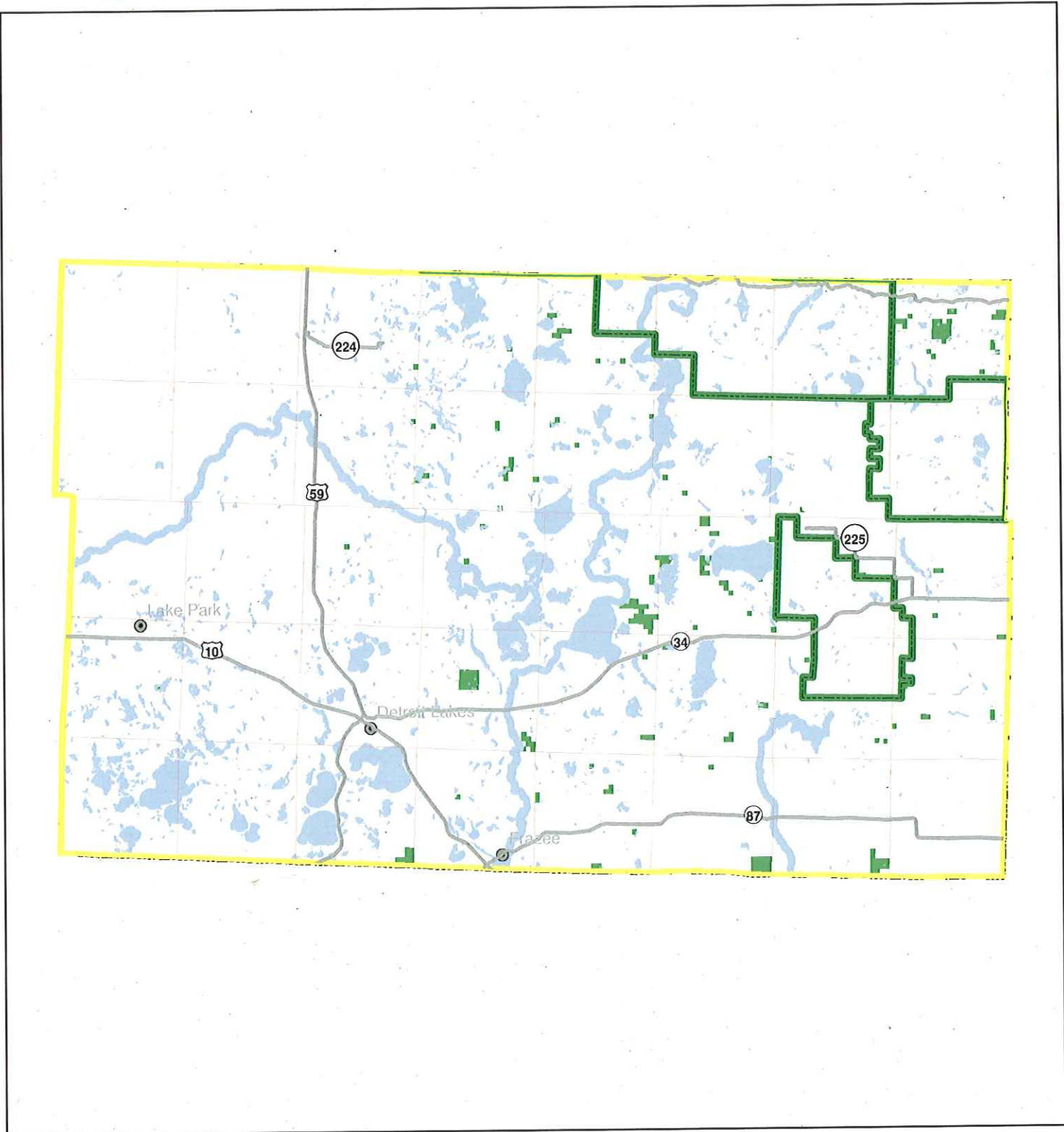


Exhibit A-2: Clearwater County State Forest Land Classification

R38 R37 R36

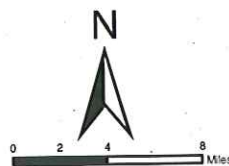
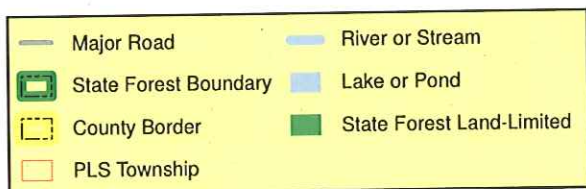
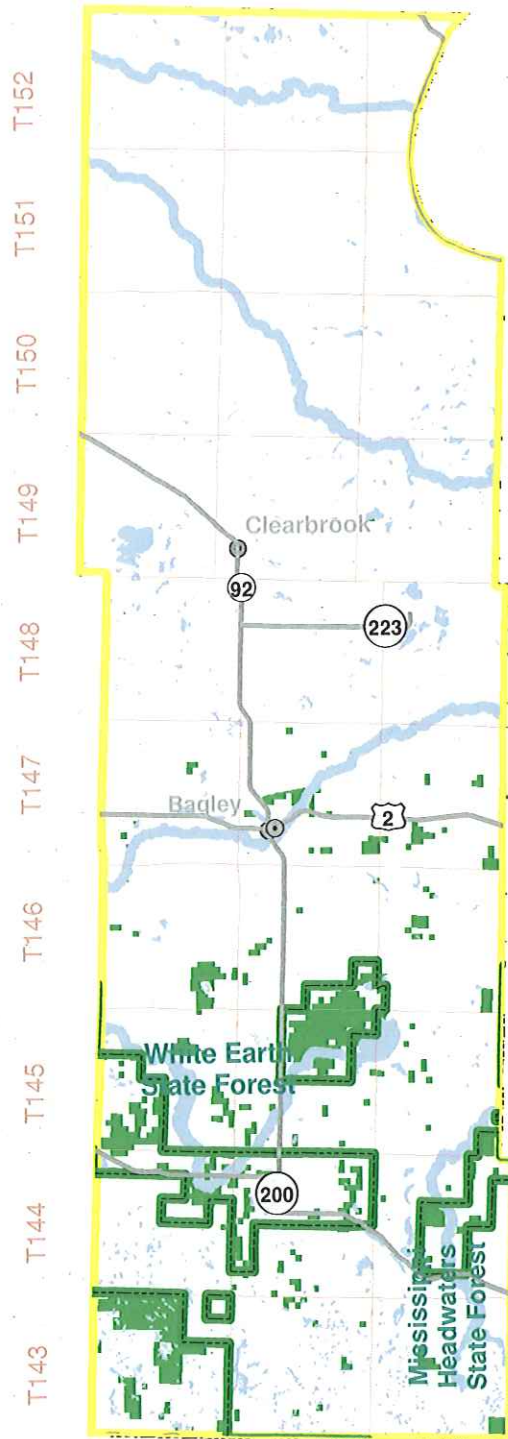
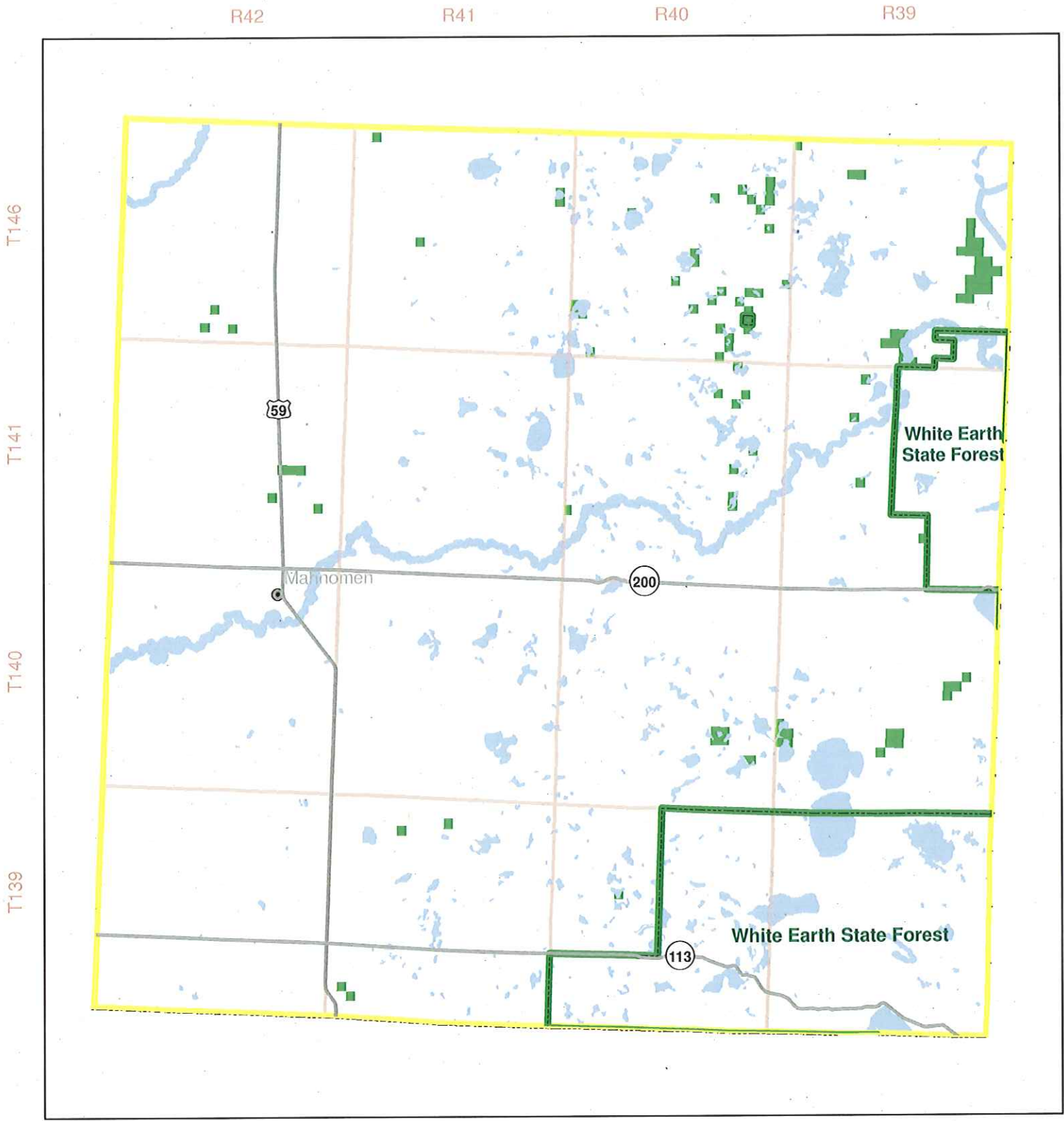


Exhibit A-3: Mahanomen County State Forest Land Classification



Major Road	River or Stream
State Forest Boundary	Lake or Pond
County Border	State Forest Land-Limited
PLS Township	

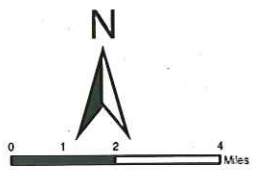


Exhibit A-4: White Earth State Forest Land Classification

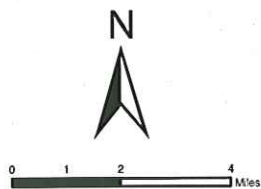
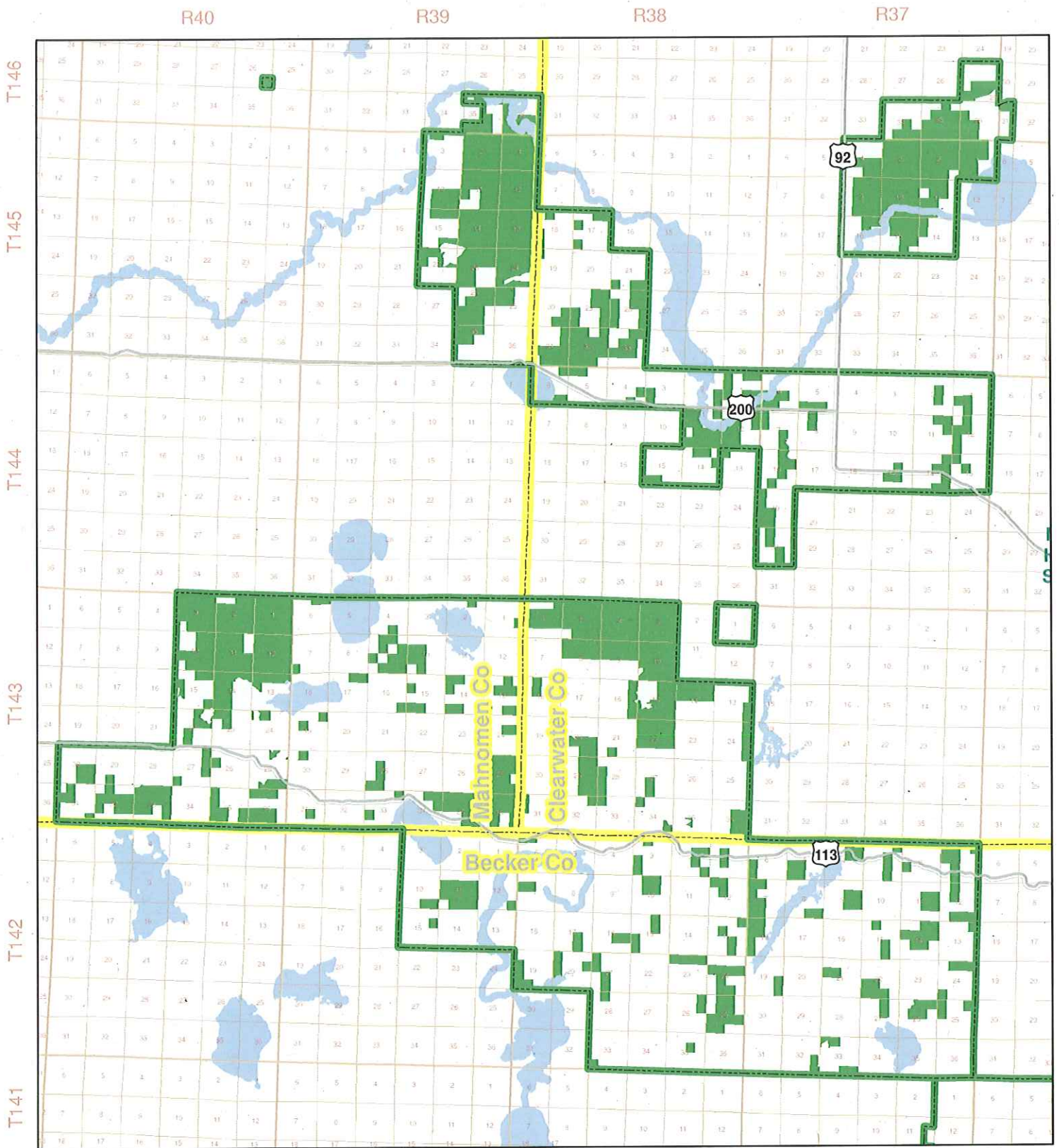
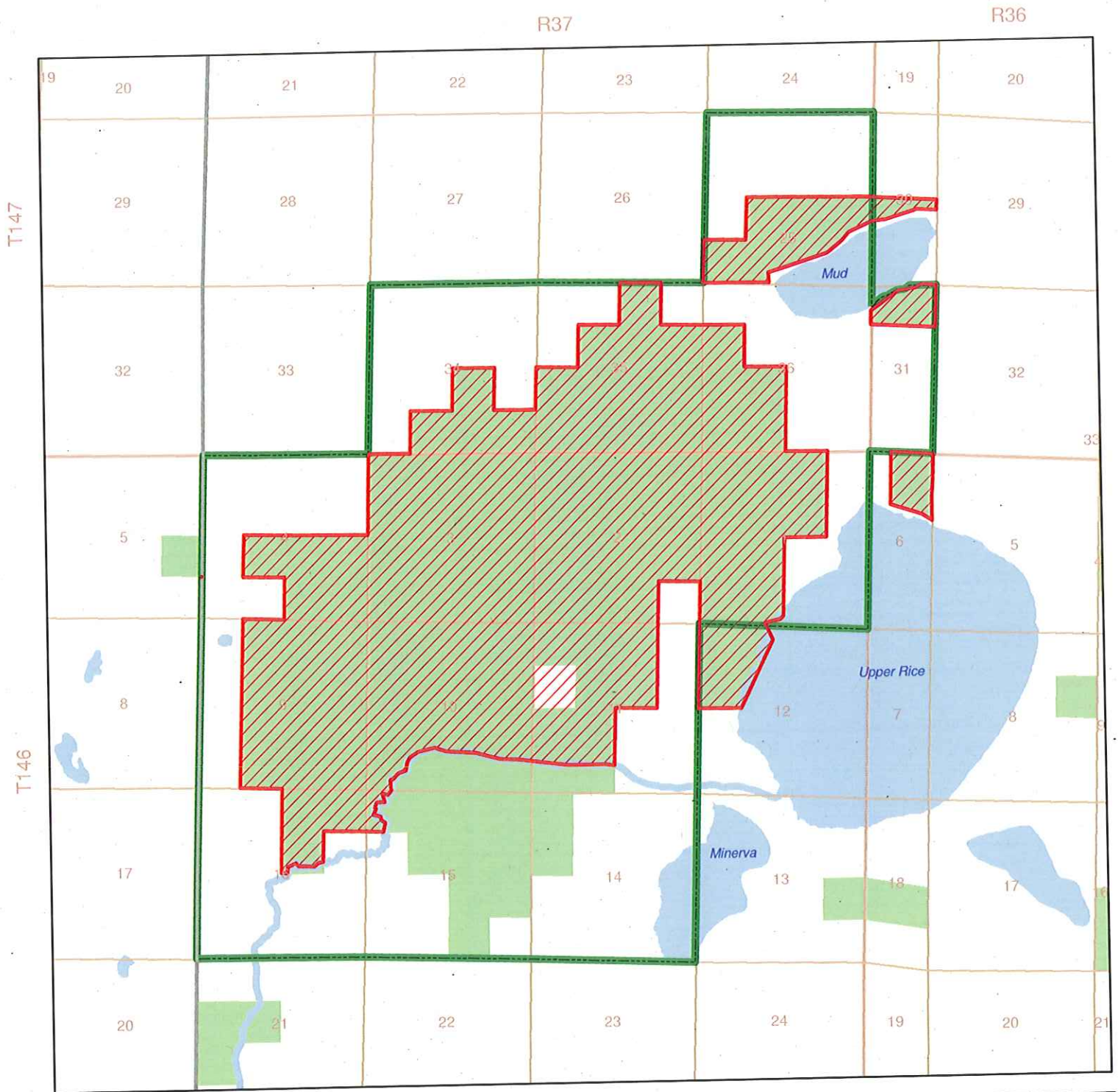


Exhibit A-5: Clearwater County, Upper Rice Lake Area with Motor Vehicle Use Limitations



	Area with Motor Vehicle Use Limitations		PLS Township
	Major Road		PLS Section
	State Forest Boundary		River or Stream
	County Border		Lake or Pond
			State Land - Division of Forestry

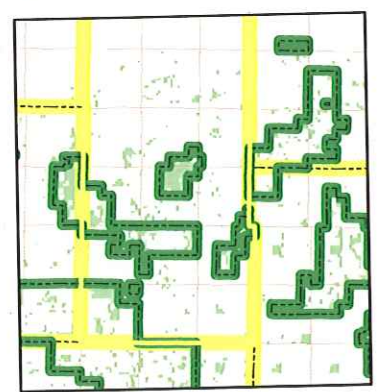
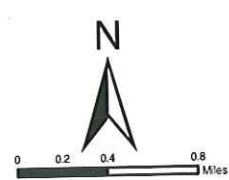
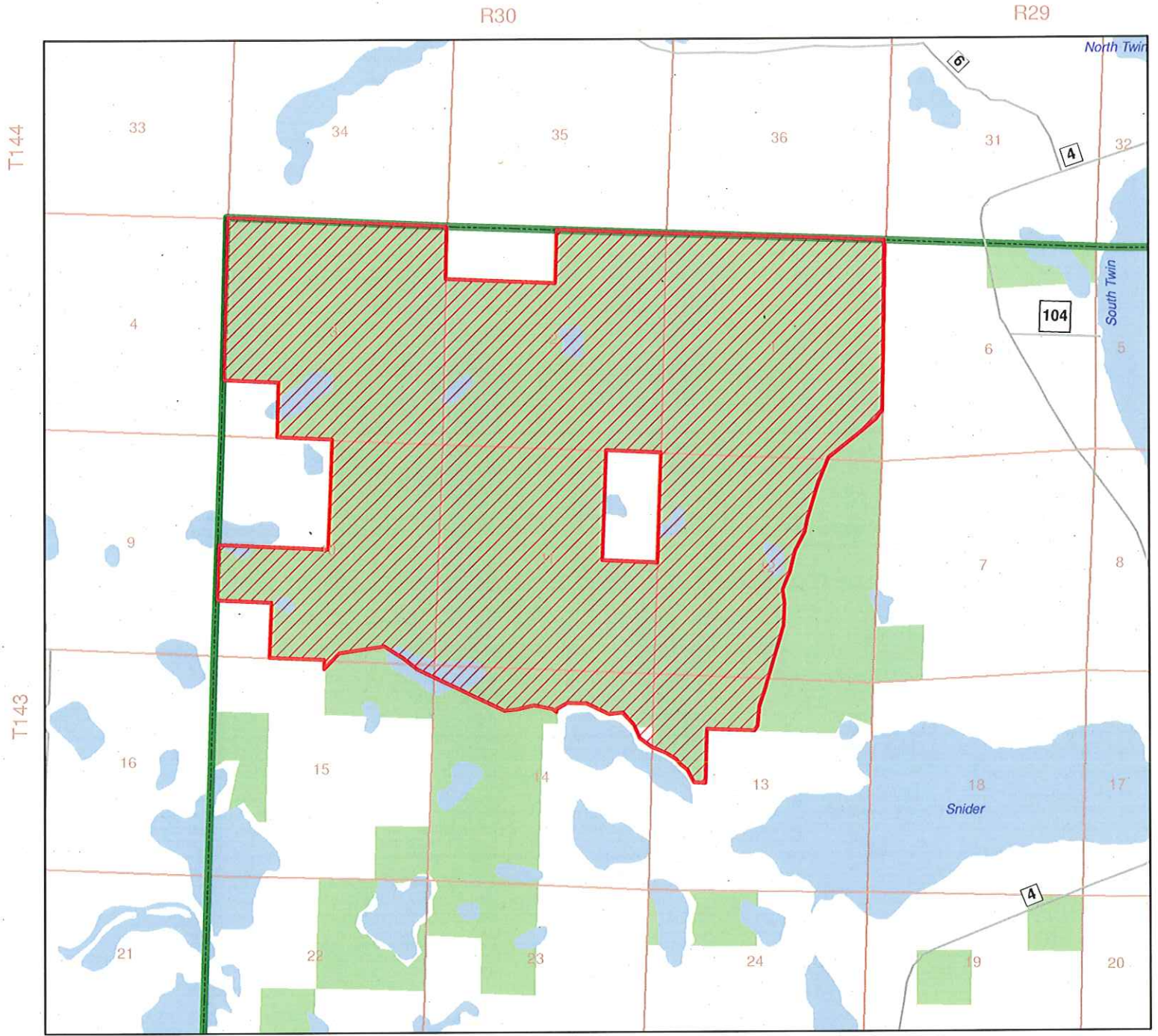


Exhibit A-6: Mahanomen County, Snider Lake Area With Motor Vehicle Use Limitations



- | | | | |
|--|---|--|---------------------|
| | Major Road | | PLS Township |
| | County Road | | PLS Section |
| | Area with Motor Vehicle Use Limitations | | River or Stream |
| | State Forest Boundary | | Lake or Pond |
| | County Border | | State Forestry Land |

