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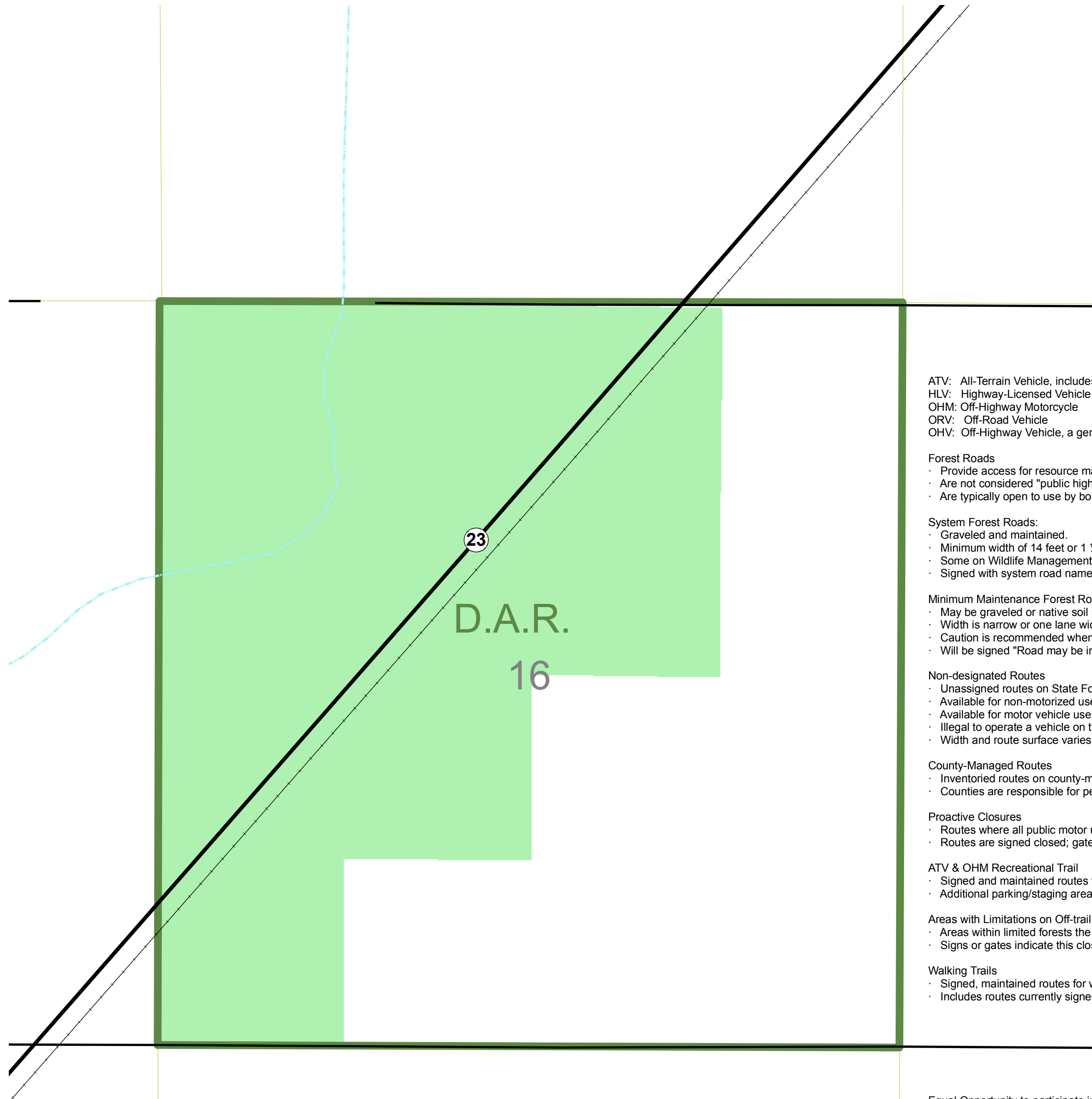
Forest Road and Trail Designation Plan

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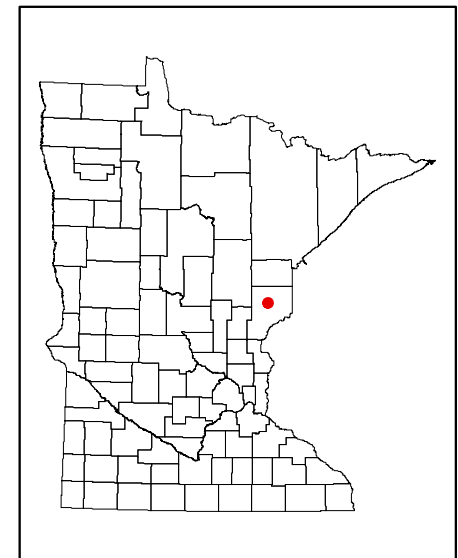
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Map Explanation

-  State Forest Boundaries
-  PLS Sections
-  PLS Townships
-  State Lands



ATV: All-Terrain Vehicle, includes Class I and Class II
 HLV: Highway-Licensed Vehicle
 OHM: Off-Highway Motorcycle
 ORV: Off-Road Vehicle
 OHV: Off-Highway Vehicle, a generic term that includes ORV, ATV, and OHM, but not HLV.

Forest Roads

- Provide access for resource management activities and public use.
- Are not considered "public highways," and the resource agencies are not "road authorities."
- Are typically open to use by both highway-licensed vehicles (HLV) and off-highway vehicles (OHV).

System Forest Roads:

- Graveled and maintained.
- Minimum width of 14 feet or 1 ½ to two lanes wide, so highway-licensed vehicles can easily meet.
- Some on Wildlife Management Area lands are signed as closed to off-highway vehicles.
- Signed with system road name at major intersections.

Minimum Maintenance Forest Roads:

- May be gravelled or native soil surfaced.
- Width is narrow or one lane wide, making it difficult to meet vehicles.
- Caution is recommended when traveling, low-clearance highway vehicles may not be suited for use on these roads.
- Will be signed "Road may be impassable. Travel at your own risk."

Non-designated Routes

- Unassigned routes on State Forest lands classified as limited.
- Available for non-motorized use in an "as is" condition, with the user responsible for ensuring that there is no damage to the route.
- Available for motor vehicle use under the big game hunting and trapping exceptions as per MN Stat. 84.926, subd.4.
- Illegal to operate a vehicle on these routes in a manner that causes erosion, rutting, or injuries, or that damages or destroys trees or growing crops (MN Rules 6100.1950 Subpart 7A).
- Width and route surface varies. All routes depicted may not be passable for all types of uses.

County-Managed Routes

- Inventoried routes on county-managed lands are depicted within the state forest statutory boundary.
- Counties are responsible for permissible uses on these routes.

Proactive Closures

- Routes where all public motor use is prohibited, including recreational OHV use and motor vehicle use under the big game hunting and trapping exceptions.
- Routes are signed closed; gates, barricades, or berming may be present.

ATV & OHM Recreational Trail

- Signed and maintained routes for ATV and OHM use that may use system and minimum maintenance forest roads for connections to local points of interest and facilities.
- Additional parking/staging areas may be proposed.

Areas with Limitations on Off-trail and Non-designated Trail Use (Mn Stat. 84.926, subd. 5)

- Areas within limited forests the big game hunting and trapping exceptions for ATVs and/or HLVs under MN Stat. 84.926, subd. 2 & 4, do not apply.
- Signs or gates indicate this closure.

Walking Trails

- Signed, maintained routes for walking and non-motorized use.
- Includes routes currently signed and managed as walking trails.

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