

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

## **Commissioner's Order**

Designation of State Forest Roads #1798 and 1799 in Aitkin County

Effective Date: December 15, 2010

Statutory authority: Minnesota Statutes, section <u>89.17</u>, subd. <u>1</u>

Supplements: Aitkin County Forest Road and Trail Designation Plan and Forest Classification & Road/Trail Designations for the East Central Forests (November, 2008).

## BACKGROUND

*Minnesota Statutes, Section* 89.002, subdivision 3, directs the Commissioner of Natural Resources to provide a system of state forest roads for access to state forest land and other forest land under the Commissioner's authority, which is adequate to permit the Commissioner to manage, protect, and develop those lands and their resources consistent with the forest resource management policy, and to meet demands for forest resources.

*Minnesota Statutes*, Section 89.71, subdivision 1, provides that the commissioner must designate and undesignate state forest roads by written order published in the State Register.

All notice and procedural requirements in Minnesota Statutes, and other applicable rules and law have been complied with.

The route identified in *Exhibit A-1* (#1798) was apparently overlooked during the OHV designation process. The route is sustainable, provides access to both state and private land and has a history of motorized use. The route identified in *Exhibit A-2* (#1799) was also apparently missed during the OHV inventory process. The route has a history of motorized use for access to rice paddies and recreational use of state lands.

## ORDER

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, pursuant to authority vested in me by law, including but not limited to *Minnesota Statutes*, section <u>89.17</u>, subdivision <u>1</u>, that the designation of the state forest roads identified in *Exhibit A-1* and *A-2* shall become effective on December 15, 2010.

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Mark Holsten Commissioner Date signed: November 9, 2010



