

Centennial State Forest Recreational Motor Vehicle Classification

Project Background

- Approximately 3,400 acres including:
 - 640 Acres of School Trust Land
 - Approximately 2,751 acres donated to DNR Forestry Division in 2013
- Authorized as Centennial State Forest by the Minnesota Legislature in 2016
- Land uses include forestry, recreation and hunting



Forest Recreation

Current Recreational Uses:

- Camping
- Hunting
- Off-highway vehicle riding
- Snowmobiling
- Trapping
- Wildlife watching

Current Recreational Amenities:

- Grant in Aid snowmobile trail
- Unimproved access to Camp Two Lake
- Dispersed camping
- *The DNR does not intend to alter any of these amenities



Forest Vehicle Classification

- For off-highway vehicles, the DNR must classify the forest as "closed" or "limited"
 - A "closed" classification does not allow OHVs to operate within the forest
 - A "limited" classification allows OHVs to operate only on designated roads and trails within the forest.
 - Because the forest is south of US Highway 2, it cannot be classified as "managed"
- Based on historic use, the classification of nearby state forests and input from the scoping period, the DNR is proposing to classify the forest as "Limited"

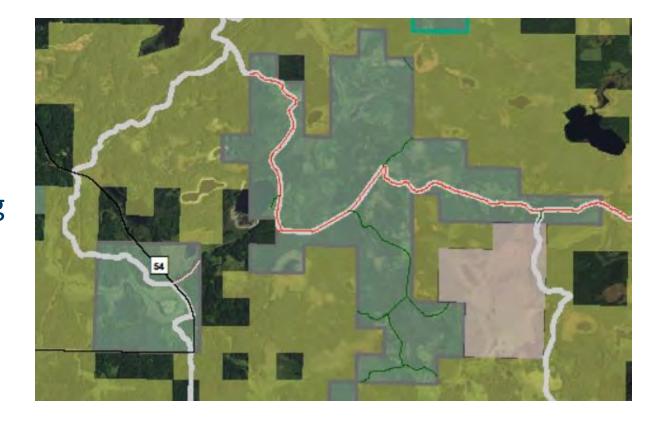
Hunter Exemption

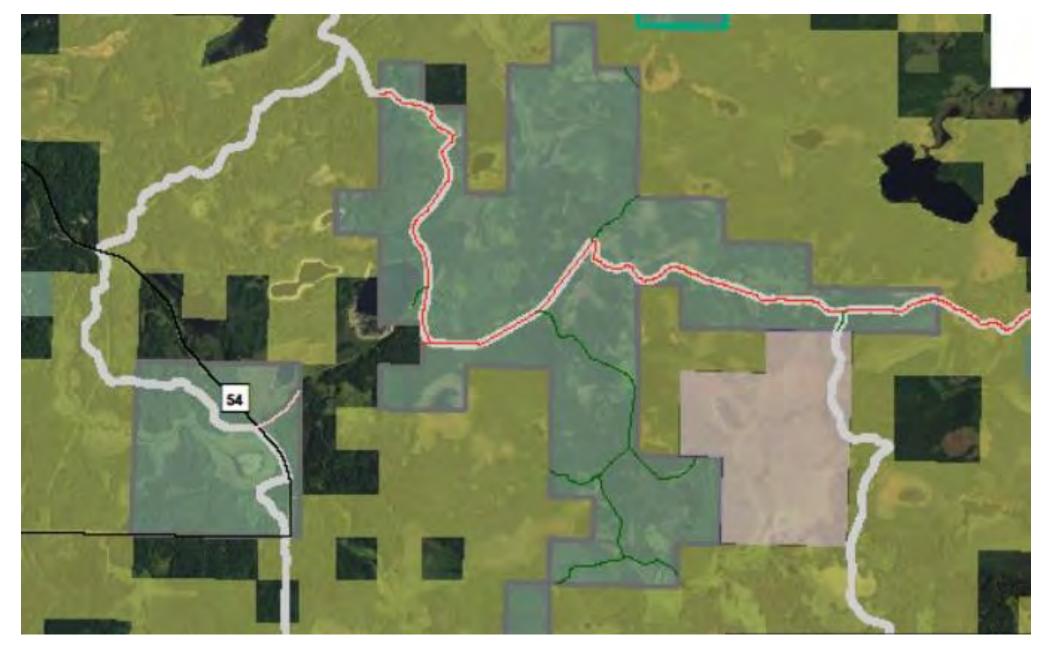
- Class I ATVs may be used off trail when and class II ATVs may be used off designated routes when:
 - hunting big game or transporting or installing hunting stands during October, November, and December, when in possession of a valid big-game-hunting license;
 - retrieving big game in September, when in possession of a valid big-game-hunting license;
 - tending traps during an open trapping season for protected furbearers, when in possession of a valid trapping license; or
 - trapping minnows, when in possession of a valid minnow dealer, private fish hatchery, or aquatic farm license.



Road/Trail Designations

- DNR Forestry is proposing 6.35 miles of system forest roads and 4.58 miles of minimum maintenance forest roads.
- DNR Parks and Trails is not proposing any specific trails at this time, but may review the forest at a later date for connections with other trails.





To Comment

Fill out a comment form tonight and drop it in the box in the back

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- Email your comment to foresttrailplanning.dnr@state.mn.us
- Submit your comment using the online comment form found on our website http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/mgmtplans/ohv/plans/centennial.html
- Comments are due by 4:30 PM July 26



Thank You!

Questions