

A bill for an act
relating to natural resources; providing for state forest traditional areas; proposing
coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 89.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **[89.0210] STATE FOREST TRADITIONAL AREAS.**

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "state forest traditional area" or "traditional area" means the portion of a state forest dedicated to traditional uses, including but not limited to logging, hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, hiking, biking, canoeing, and berry picking.

Subd. 2. **Designation.** By December 31, 2008, the commissioner must designate at least 50 percent of each state forest identified in section 89.021 as a state forest traditional area. Tax-forfeited lands within traditional areas shall be managed by the commissioner.

Subd. 3. **Vehicle restrictions.** Within a state forest traditional area:

(1) no all-terrain vehicles are allowed on state forest roads;

(2) no off-highway vehicle trails are allowed; and

(3) no hunting or trapping using an off-highway vehicle is allowed.

Subd. 4. **Classification.** The commissioner shall designate traditional areas in each state forest, whether classified as limited, closed, or managed.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.