

State of Minnesota

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releasing the land from the covenant required under this chapter. The document must be mailed to the claimant and is entitled to be recorded.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), on request of the claimant, the commissioner may allow early withdrawal from the Sustainable Forest Incentive Act without penalty when the state of Minnesota, any local government unit, or any other entity which has the power of eminent domain acquires title or possession to the land for a public purpose. In the case of an eligible acquisition under this paragraph, the commissioner shall execute and acknowledge a document releasing the land acquired by the state, local government unit, or other entity from the covenant.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), upon request of the claimant, the commissioner shall allow early withdrawal from the Sustainable Forest Incentive Act without penalty when a government or nonprofit entity acquires a permanent conservation easement on the enrolled property and the conservation easement is at least as restrictive as the covenant required under section 290C.04. The commissioner of natural resources must notify the commissioner of lands acquired under this paragraph that are eligible for withdrawal. In the case of an eligible easement acquisition under this paragraph, the commissioner shall execute and acknowledge a document releasing the land subject to the easement from the covenant.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), upon request of the claimant, the commissioner shall allow early withdrawal from the Sustainable Forest Incentive Act without penalty for land that is subject to fee or easement acquisition or lease to the state of Minnesota or a political subdivision of the state for the public purpose of a paved trail. The commissioner of natural resources must notify the commissioner of lands acquired under this paragraph that are eligible for withdrawal. In the case of an eligible fee or easement acquisition or lease under this paragraph, the commissioner shall execute and acknowledge a document releasing the land subject to fee or easement acquisition or lease by the state or political subdivision of the state.

(e) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), upon request of the claimant, the commissioner shall allow early withdrawal from the Sustainable Forest Incentive Act without penalty for land proposed to be conveyed to initiate the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness private forest land alternative with the United States Department of Agriculture and a nonprofit partner. The commissioner of natural resources must notify the commissioner of lands that are eligible for withdrawal under this paragraph, and the commissioner shall execute and acknowledge a document releasing the land from the covenant upon certification of the conveyance to the United States Department of Agriculture and nonprofit partner.

- 3.1 (f) All other enrolled land must remain in the program.
- 3.2 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.