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A bill for an act

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relating to natural resources; requiring the commissioner of natural resources to

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provide unimpeded access to state forest roads for certain commercial purposes;

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amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 89.002, subdivision 3.

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

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Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 89.002, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

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Subd. 3. **Forest road policy.** The commissioner shall provide a system of forest roads

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and trails which provides access to state forest land and other forest land under the

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commissioner's authority which is adequate to permit the commissioner to manage, protect,

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and develop those lands and their forest resources consistent with the forest resource

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management policy, and to meet demands for forest resources. The commissioner must

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ensure that commercial minnow trappers, leech trappers, fur trappers, and loggers have

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unimpeded access to forest roads. If the commissioner or any other state agency requires a

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permit to access state forest roads, the commissioner or state agency must issue a permit to

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any person seeking access to the forest roads for these purposes.