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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money for forestry management.

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

1.4 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; FORESTRY MANAGEMENT.

1.5 (a) \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated  
1.6 from the general fund to the commissioner of natural resources. Of this amount, \$1,000,000  
1.7 each year is to maintain forest roads administered by the Department of Natural Resources  
1.8 and \$1,500,000 each year is for grants to counties to maintain county-administered forest  
1.9 roads. Grants under this paragraph are available only to counties that have appointed land  
1.10 commissioners.

1.11 (b) \$750,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$750,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from  
1.12 the general fund to the commissioner of natural resources to accelerate the Forestry Division's  
1.13 inventory of forest stands to achieve a 15-year inventory cycle.

1.14 (c) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2019 are appropriated from  
1.15 the general fund to the commissioner of natural resources for cost-share programs for forestry  
1.16 management with owners of private forest land.