89.19 RULES.

Subdivision 1. **Rulemaking authority.** The commissioner may prescribe rules governing the use of forest lands under the authority of the commissioner and state forest roads, or any parts thereof, by the public and governing the exercise by holders of leases or permits on forest lands and state forest roads of all their rights under the leases or permits.

Subd. 2. **Rulemaking exemption.** Designations of forest trails and changes to the designations by the commissioner shall be by written order published in the State Register. Designations and changes to designations are not subject to the rulemaking provisions of chapter 14, and section 14.386 does not apply. Before designating or changing a designation of forest trails, the commissioner shall hold a public meeting in the county where the largest portion of the forest lands are located to provide information to and receive comment from the public regarding the proposed trail designation or change in designation. Sixty days before the public meeting, notice of the proposed forest trail designation or change in designation shall be published in the legal newspapers that serve the counties in which the lands are located, in a statewide Department of Natural Resources news release, and in the State Register.

History: *(6513-8) 1931 c 263 s 8; 1961 c 223 s 12; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1988 c 462 s 4; 1988 c 686 art 4 s 3; 2004 c 221 s 32; 1Sp2005 c 1 art 2 s 71; 2025 c 20 s 34*