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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1.19 Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1.20 Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.