



**EXECUTIVE ORDER 95-11
PROVIDING AUTHORITY FOR THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT
OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO EXTEND CERTAIN TIMBER
HARVESTING PERMITS IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA FORESTS**

I, ARNE H. CARLSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, on July 13 and 14, 1995, major wind storms severely damaged nearly 200,000 acres of forest in northern Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the volume of timber that was blown down or damaged by the storm is estimated at 1.8 million cords; and

WHEREAS, salvage harvesting of the damaged and down timber must be accomplished during the next one and one-half to two years to prevent deterioration of the timber resource that would render the wood useless; and

WHEREAS, the salvage operation would be accomplished by timber operators who would normally be harvesting undamaged standing trees on state permits; and

WHEREAS, some of the state permits will expire within the next year or two years; and

WHEREAS, it is to the state's best interest and benefit to harvest the damaged timber in an expedient manner to recapture lost revenue for the state, to foster a healthy economy within the storm-damaged communities, to maintain improved public relations between state government and the timber industry, to reduce the fire hazard with the blown down area, and to improve regeneration and growth of some damaged stands;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. The Commissioner of Natural Resources is authorized to extend certain active state timber permits that are located in non-damaged areas that will expire on or before November 1, 1997, for only those permit holders who will actively be engaged in the salvage of storm-damaged timber and, further, that the extension of those permits be without penalty.
2. This order is issued notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes Sections 90.121(8); 90.151 Subd. 1(b); 90.191, Subd. 2; and 90.193.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1994, Section 4.035, Subd. 2, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1994, Section 4.035, Subd. 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 28th day of August, 1995.


ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

Filed According to Law:


JOAN ANDERSON GROWE
Secretary of State

