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S.F. No. 3480 – White Earth State Forest Land Transfer

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Section 1 [Sale of Tax-Forfeited Land within White Earth State Forest] requires tax-forfeited land that is located within the boundaries of the White Earth State Forest to be offered for sale to the White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe before it can be offered for sale to other parties.

Section 2 [White Earth State Forest; Land Transfer]

Subd. 1 [Transfer Required] requires all state-owned land within the boundaries of White Earth State Forest to be transferred to the White Earth Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe by August 1, 2029, except for school trust land and tax-forfeited lands.

Subd. 2. [Task Force] requires the commissioner of natural resources (DNR) to establish a White Earth State Forest Transfer Task Force to make recommendations to facilitate the transfer of the following types of land located within the boundary of the White Earth State Forest to the White Earth Band: school trust land, tax-forfeited lands, and land owned by municipalities, counties, or the federal government.

Section 3 [Repealer] repeals the statute that creates the White Earth State Forest.