

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S STATE RECREATIONAL TRAIL

ORDER NUMBER 7

WHEREAS, the Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Trail and the Arrowhead Region Trails (see Minnesota Statutes § 85.015, subdivisions 11 and 13) pass through areas of considerable timber and mineral resources; and

WHEREAS, state trail rights-of-way may be up to 100 feet wide, thus containing a maximum of over 12 acres per mile of route; and

WHEREAS, the rules for state trails forbid logging and mining and the operation of motorized equipment in trail rights-of-way; and

WHEREAS, private timber and mining companies and counties managing public lands for forestry purposes are, therefore, reluctant to provide rights-of-way for state trails; and

WHEREAS, it is sometimes necessary to route trails across forest producing lands; and

WHEREAS, the rules for state trails, at 6 MCAR § 1.020 (1) allow that:

"The commissioner may provide exceptions to the general rules for a specific trail by order filed with the Secretary of State, if such exceptions authorize activities which are not inconsistent with the purposes for which the trail is established or better serve the public interest."

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that, where necessary to obtain the rights-of-way for portions of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Trail and the Arrowhead Region Trails, the Department of Natural Resources shall allow the property owner and/or its assignees to manage its timber resources within the rights-of-way, and to operate motor vehicles in conjunction with its management of the timber resources as per executed easement.

Dated August 27, 1980.

APPROVED AS TO FORM & EXECUTION
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