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#### 6100.0100 STATUTORY AUTHORITY.

Parts 6100.0100 to 6100.2400 are authorized by Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.03, 85.05, 89.031, and 89.21.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

#### 6100.0200 PURPOSE.

The purpose of these parts is to provide for public enjoyment of the same in a way that will leave them unimpaired and minimize conflicts among users.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

#### 6100.0300 SCOPE.

These parts apply to those state parks, recreational areas, historic sites, waysides, forest campgrounds, and forest day use areas which are under the control of or operated by the commissioner of natural resources.

These parts shall not apply to any person lawfully engaged in the performance of his duties in the development, maintenance, and operation of these areas including, but not limited to, the commissioner of natural resources, his agents, employees, those persons operating under contract with the Department of Natural Resources, and law enforcement officers.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

**6100.0400 PENALTY.**

Any person who violates any of these parts is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to immediate removal from the park, forest campground, or forest day use area and to appropriate legal action.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

**6100.0500 DEFINITIONS.**

Subpart 1. **Scope.** For the purpose of these rules, unless a different meaning is manifest from the context, the terms defined in this part have the meanings given them.

Subp. 2. **Beach.** "Beach" means that part of a body of water and shore designated for swimming and sunning.

Subp. 3. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources, state of Minnesota, acting directly or through his authorized agents.

Subp. 4. **Forest campground.** "Forest campground" means those areas developed and maintained by the commissioner on state lands administered by the Division of Forestry for camping and related recreational activities.

Subp. 5. **Forest day use area.** "Forest day use area" means a posted area to be used for daytime activities such as picnic areas, swimming beaches, boat accesses, and the like.

Subp. 6. **Intoxicating liquor.** "Intoxicating liquor" means intoxicating liquor as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 340.07 and intoxicating malt liquors as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 340.401.

Subp. 7. **Motor vehicle.** "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle including, but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, dune buggies, minibikes, motorcycles, trail bikes, and all terrain vehicles (ATV's), but not including snowmobiles.

Subp. 8. **Person.** "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, or association.

Subp. 9. **Shelter.** "Shelter" means equipment used to sleep in or on, excluding sleeping bags. Examples are tents, trailers, pickup campers, buses, station wagons, motor homes, and boats.

Subp. 10. **Snowmobile.** "Snowmobile" means any self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice and steered by skis or runners.

Subp. 11. **State park.** "State park" means all of those areas over which the commissioner of natural resources has regulatory authority within the confines of any legislatively designated state park, state recreation area, state wayside, or state historic site.

Subp. 12. **Watercraft.** "Watercraft" means any contrivance used or designed for navigation on water other than duck boats during the duck hunting season, rice boats during the harvest season, or seaplanes.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

**6100.0600 HOURS AND DAYS OF OPERATION.**

Subpart 1. **State parks.** State parks will be open each day of the year from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., except trails otherwise posted, and during emergencies.

After 10:00 p.m. until 8:00 a.m., no person shall enter or remain in a state park unless he is a member of a registered camping party, or a registered cabin or lodge guest. Park managers may, at their discretion, allow entry earlier than 8:00 a.m.

Subp. 2. **Forest campgrounds and forest day use areas.** Forest campgrounds and forest day use areas will be open officially from the first Saturday in May through the second Sunday in September. Except for unusual

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circumstances such as fire emergencies and site rehabilitation, the public shall be allowed access to these areas during the entire year.

Forest day use areas will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

### 6100.0700 PERSONAL CONDUCT AND PROHIBITIONS.

A person's conduct shall be as prescribed in Minnesota Statutes, section 609.72.

No person shall use a public address system, amplifier, or power equipment, or otherwise make noise of a volume tending reasonably to arouse alarm, anger, or resentment in other park users, without prior permission from the park manager or forest officer.

It is unlawful for any person to consume intoxicating liquors.

A person's possession and use of drugs shall be in accordance with state laws.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

### 6100.0800 PUBLIC SAFETY; HUNTING.

While in a state park, or while in a forest campground, or forest day use area during the official open season for these areas, it is unlawful for any person to:

- A. possess explosives of any kind;
- B. possess a firearm, including an air gun, unless the firearm is unloaded both in barrel and magazine and completely contained in a gun case expressly made for that purpose, which is fully enclosed by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened, or unless unloaded and contained in the trunk of a car with the trunk door closed;
- C. possess a bow and arrows, unless either unstrung or completely contained in a case or contained in the trunk of a car with the trunk door closed; and
- D. use or display any other type of weapon including but not limited to slingshots, switchblade knives, and traps.

When hunting or trapping is authorized in a state park, the restrictions in the first paragraph on firearms, bows and arrows, and traps are waived to the extent necessary to allow the authorized activity.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

### 6100.0900 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

The environment is for the enjoyment of all. Therefore, no person shall disturb, destroy, injure, damage, molest, or remove any state property, including, but not limited to, wildflowers or vegetation of any kind dead or alive, ruins, wildlife, geological formations, signs, or facilities, except edible fruit, mushrooms, and wild animals legally taken, and vegetation unavoidably damaged or destroyed by the ordinary uses of these areas as specifically permitted by these parts. Collections for scientific and educational purposes may be made with the written consent of the commissioner previously obtained. Damaging rock with rock-climbing equipment is forbidden.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

### 6100.1000 FIRES AND REFUSE.

**Subpart 1. Prohibition and permitted uses.** It is unlawful to build a fire except in a fireplace or a fire ring provided for that purpose. However, portable gas- or liquid-fueled camp stoves or charcoal burners may be used within a camping or rest area if such use does not create a hazard or danger to the area or to others.

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Subp. 2. **Fire bans.** The commissioner may limit or ban fires when he declares that a forest fire emergency exists. Such declaration will be posted conspicuously at the entrance of the area affected.

Subp. 3. **Firewood.** Where firewood is provided at no charge its use shall be within reasonable limits.

Subp. 4. **Refuse.** Where refuse receptacles are provided, they shall only be used for refuse generated at the area. Refuse is to be removed from areas where receptacles are not provided.

Subp. 5. **Littering.** Minnesota Statutes, sections 85.20, subdivision 6, and 609.68, forbidding littering, are incorporated in this part by reference.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

## 6100.1100 PETS.

Pets are permitted, provided no person shall allow any dog, cat, or other pet animal to enter any building or beach; or permit any dog, cat, or other pet animal to be unrestrained. Such animals shall be effectively restrained by a portable enclosure or by a leash not exceeding six feet and shall be personally attended, and such animals shall not deprive or disrupt the enjoyment or use of any area by other persons.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

## 6100.1200 PICNICKING.

Picnicking is not permitted except in designated picnic areas. No person or group of persons shall unreasonably exclude others from a picnic area or shelter.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

## 6100.1300 CAMPING AREAS.

Subpart 1. **State parks.** In state parks:

A. Camping is permitted only at assigned sites in designated camping areas.

B. A person may not camp in the same state park for more than 14 days aggregate during the period of June 15 through Labor Day, provided, however, that the park manager may in his discretion allow camping for such additional days as he may prescribe when conditions of nonuse so warrant.

C. Each camping party must register.

A senior responsible person of a camping party may register for the group, giving the number in the group. Names may be requested.

Registration must be in person.

The rental period must begin with the day of registration, and must be paid in full at registration. The registration may be canceled if the site is not personally occupied the first night.

Camping permits shall expire at 4:00 p.m.

D. A campsite may be occupied by any group of six or less using one shelter for sleep or by a family using one shelter, and an additional shelter with prior approval of the park manager. A family consists of a father and/or mother accompanied by any of the following: their parents, their children, and their blood relatives.

Subp. 2. **Forest campgrounds and forest day use areas.** Forest campgrounds and forest day use areas:

A. A nominal charge per campsite per night shall be collected in certain forest campgrounds. The determination of camping fees shall be based upon the nature and cost of facilities provided. Campers must pay the camping fee immediately upon occupying a campsite.

B. Camping is permitted only in designated camping areas within the prescribed limitations for the particular camping area.

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C. Each camping party must register. The senior responsible person of a camping party may register for the group giving the number therein.

D. Camping shall be limited to a total period of 14 days in any one forest campground during the period from the first Saturday in May through the second Sunday in September, provided, however, that the forest officer of any forest campground in his discretion, allow camping for such longer periods as he may prescribe when conditions or nonuse so warrant.

E. At all fee camping areas the campsite must be occupied by a member of the party on the first night of the permit.

F. Camping permits in fee campgrounds shall expire at 4:00 p.m.

G. Setting up camp between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. is prohibited.

H. Any group desiring to occupy more than two campsites must obtain prior approval from the forest officer.

I. Only one individual, family, or group shall occupy a single campsite. A group other than a family cannot exceed eight people.

Subp. 3. **Other prohibitions.** It shall be unlawful for any person to install or affix in a permanent manner any camping facility, equipment, or structure.

The placement of tent stakes or anchors in the ground for the erection of tents is permitted. Digging or excavating is prohibited.

A watercraft used for shelter or sleeping which is tied on water frontage constitutes camping and is subject to these rules.

In camping areas, the hours between 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. are for outdoor solitude, and it shall be unlawful to make noise at a level above that of a quiet conversation.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

### 6100.1400 BOATING.

Boating conforming to Minnesota laws and rules is permitted on waters within or adjacent to state parks, forest campgrounds, and forest day use areas.

On any lake entirely within a state park, no person shall water-ski or surf, or operate a watercraft in excess of ten miles per hour, unless the lake is otherwise designated and posted.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

### 6100.1500 FISHING.

Fishing conforming to Minnesota laws and rules is permitted in the waters adjacent to state parks, forest campgrounds, and forest day use areas.

If a fish-cleaning facility is provided, no person shall clean fish and dispose of the remains except at that place.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

### 6100.1600 STATE PARK BEACHES.

No person shall swim in a state park except at beaches designated for such use, and as directed by the lifeguard, if one is present.

It is unlawful on a beach:

- A. to allow any dog or other pet to enter;
- B. to possess glass containers;
- C. while in the water, to use air mattresses, inner tubes, and other flotation devices not approved by the Coast Guard;
- D. to use the beach before sunrise or after sunset;
- E. to enter with any boat, canoe, or raft;
- F. to fish;
- G. to swim beyond boundary buoy or marker;

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H. to engage in any activity which is hazardous and could cause injury to others;

I. to use any soap, detergent, or shampoo; and

J. to change clothes except in structures designated for such use.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

**6100.1700 STATE PARK MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS.**

Requirements for motor vehicle permits for entry into state parks shall be as stated in Minnesota Statutes, section 85.05, subdivision 2, clauses (a) and (c).

The permit shall be affixed by its own adhesive to the lower right-hand corner of the windshield.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

**6100.1800 MOTOR VEHICLE USE; BOATS, TRAILERS, FISH HOUSES.**

Subpart 1. **Licensed vehicles.** Only motor vehicles which are licensed and which may be driven on Minnesota highways may be operated within state parks, forest campgrounds, and forest day use areas. The operator must have a valid driver's license.

Subp. 2. **Designated roads.** The motor vehicle may be operated only on designated roads and parking areas, and may be parked only in designated parking areas. It may not be driven on roads which are posted, chained, or gated prohibiting motor vehicles.

Subp. 3. **Speed limit; recklessness.** The motor vehicle shall not be operated in excess of posted speeds or in a reckless or careless manner.

Subp. 4. **Forest areas.** Within forest campgrounds and forest day use areas:

A. No person shall leave standing, whether attended or unattended, a motor vehicle, trailer, or boat in any manner so as to block, obstruct, or limit the use of any road, trail, waterway, or winter sport facility.

B. No vehicle, trailer, boat, fish house, or any other equipment or material may be stored or abandoned. This item shall not apply, however, to the temporary storage of such items by a person who remains in the immediate vicinity.

C. Any vehicle, trailer, boat, fish house, or any other equipment or material left for a period longer than 30 days shall be deemed abandoned and shall be transferred to the custody of the commissioner of administration for disposal pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 16.0231.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

**6100.1900 SNOWMOBILES IN STATE PARKS.**

No person shall operate a snowmobile in a state park unless on trails and areas posted and designated for such use, under conditions of snow cover considered adequate for protection of the park by the park manager.

Within state parks no snowmobile shall be operated before 8:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m., except as otherwise posted.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

**6100.2000 NONMOTORIZED USE.**

Subpart 1. **On foot.** People on foot may go anywhere that is not posted otherwise.

Subp. 2. **Horses.** No person shall ride or lead or have a horse except on trails and areas designated for such.

Subp. 3. **Bicycles.** People riding bicycles may go where motor vehicles are allowed, and on trails and areas designated for such use.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

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### 6100.2100 RESTRICTED AREAS.

It shall be unlawful to enter by any means a posted restricted area.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

### 6100.2200 AIRCRAFT.

It is unlawful for any person to land any aircraft on lands or waters totally within the boundaries of any state park except by permit, or on a designated airport, or landing strip, or in making an emergency landing, conducting rescue operations, or in conducting or assisting in the conducting or assisting in the conduct of official business of the United States of America, the state of Minnesota, or the country in which the park is located.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

### 6100.2300 PEDDLING AND SOLICITING.

It is unlawful for any person to engage in or solicit business of any nature whatsoever from visitors, except for authorized concessions, without the prior written consent of the park manager or forest officer.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

### 6100.2400 SUSPENSION OF RULES.

In situations of emergency the commissioner may provide temporary exceptions to the general rules for a specific state park, forest campground, or forest day use area by posting notice of such exception at said unit.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 84.03; 85.05; 89.031; 89.21*

## STATE RECREATIONAL TRAILS

### 6100.3000 PURPOSE.

It is the purpose of these statewide rules to provide for public use of designated state recreational trails while protecting the quality of the trail environment to promote long-term trail use and enjoyment.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 84.03; 84.86*

### 6100.3100 STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND SCOPE.

These parts are promulgated under the authority of Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.03 and 84.86, and apply to state recreational trails, which are:

A. those trails established by the legislature in Minnesota Statutes, section 85.015 when designated by the commissioner of natural resources by order filed with the secretary of state; and

B. those other trails designated by the commissioner by order filed with the secretary of state after a public hearing conducted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14, in a county through which the proposed trail passes.

These rules shall not apply to any person lawfully engaged in the performance of his duties in the development, maintenance, and operation of such trails, including but not limited to the commissioner of natural resources, his agents, employees, those persons operating under contract with the Department of Natural Resources, and law enforcement officers.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 84.03; 84.86*

### 6100.3200 SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of these parts shall be severable, and the invalidity of any paragraph, subparagraph, or subdivision thereof shall not make void any other paragraph, subparagraph, subdivision, or any other part.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 84.03; 84.86*

**6100.3300 DEFINITIONS.**

Subpart 1. **Scope.** For the purpose of these parts, the terms defined in this part have the meanings given them.

Subp. 2. **Bicycle.** "Bicycle" means any land based vehicle powered by human muscle.

Subp. 3. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of natural resources, state of Minnesota, acting directly or through his authorized agent.

Subp. 4. **Drug.** "Drug" means any drug, controlled substance, or immediate precursor found in schedules I through V of Minnesota Statutes, section 152.02, and marijuana, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 152.01, subdivision 9.

Subp. 5. **Horseback riding.** "Horseback riding" includes all modes of human travel produced at least in part by nonhuman muscle.

Subp. 6. **Intoxicating liquor.** "Intoxicating liquor" for the purposes of these rules means liquors which are intoxicating pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 340.07, and malt liquor containing not less than one-half of one percent alcohol by volume nor more than 3.2 percent alcohol by weight.

Subp. 7. **Motor Vehicle.** "Motor vehicle" means any self-propelled vehicle and any vehicle propelled or drawn by a self-propelled vehicle including, but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, dune buggies, minibikes, motorcycles, trail bikes, and all terrain vehicles (ATV's).

Subp. 8. **Person.** "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, or association.

Subp. 9. **Snowmobile.** "Snowmobile" means any self-propelled vehicle designed for travel on snow or ice and steered by skis or runners.

Subp. 10. **Special event.** "Special event" means an organized rally, race, exhibit, demonstration, or other similar activity of limited duration which is conducted according to a prearranged schedule and in which general public interest is manifested.

Subp. 11. **Trail.** "Trail" means all of that land contained within the area designated as a state recreational trail by the commissioner.

Subp. 12. **Treadway.** "Treadway" means that part of the trail constructed for travel.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 84.86*

**6100.3400 TRAIL USES.**

Subpart 1. **In general.** Subject to the limitations imposed by these parts and other duly enacted statutes, rules, and ordinances, or unless specifically prohibited by the commissioner, trails may be used for snowmobiling and all nonmotorized forms of recreation, including but not limited to hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, camping, and picnicking.

Subp. 2. **Motor vehicles.** No motor vehicle, other than a snowmobile, shall be operated within a trail, except upon a legal road or highway as those terms are defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 160.02, subdivision 7, and except as authorized by the commissioner.

Subp. 3. **Snowmobiles.** No snowmobile shall be operated within a trail except upon treadways designated for such use and under conditions considered adequate for the protection of the trail by the commissioner.

Subp. 4. **Horses.** No one shall ride, lead, or drive a horse or other beast of burden upon a trail except upon treadways designated for such use.

Subp. 5. **Trail hours.** Any specific use of a trail may be limited to hours designated by the commissioner and any use in violation of such limitation is unlawful.



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### Subp. 6. **Traffic control.** Traffic control:

A. Trail signs shall be obeyed.

B. When on a trail treadway, all trail users must stay on the right half of the treadway when meeting or being passed by another trail user.

C. When passing another trail user traveling in the same direction, a trail user must pass on the left half of the treadway and may pass only when such left half is clearly visible and is free of oncoming traffic for a sufficient distance ahead to permit such overtaking and passing to be completely made without interfering with the safety of any trail user approaching from the opposite direction or any trail user overtaken.

D. Any trail user who is about to enter onto or cross a trail treadway, shall yield the right of way to any trail user already on the treadway to be entered or crossed.

E. When at approximately the same time, two trail users are about to enter an otherwise unmarked treadway intersection from different treadways or are approaching an otherwise unmarked merger of two treadways from any two directions, the trail user on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the trail user on the right.

Subp. 7. **Special events.** No special events shall be held within a trail except with a written permit of the commissioner previously obtained. Such permit may exempt the holder and other participants from the operation of any of the rules contained herein, and may be revoked or suspended by the commissioner at any time.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 84.86*

## 6100.3500 USE OF CAMPING AND REST AREAS.

### Subpart 1. **Camping.** Camping:

A. Overnight camping is restricted to designated camping areas.

B. The duration of the stay of any person at said areas shall be no more than two consecutive nights except where otherwise posted.

C. A fee may be prescribed by order of the commissioner for use of the camping areas and facilities, and if such a fee is prescribed, it shall be paid before the area or facility is used.

D. There shall be no digging or trenching within the camping or rest areas.

E. No persons or group of persons shall unreasonably exclude others from campgrounds or rest areas.

Subp. 2. **Fires.** It is unlawful to build a fire within a trail except in a fireplace or a fire ring provided for that purpose. However, portable gas or liquid fueled camp stoves may be used within a camping or rest area if such use does not create a hazard or danger to the trail or to others.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 84.86*

## 6100.3600 HUNTING.

No firearm or bow and arrow shall be discharged within the trail at any time, except for the purpose of lawful hunting during the period from September 15 to March 30 only. No rifle, shotgun with slug, or bow and arrow shall be discharged upon, over, or across the trail treadway at any time.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 84.86*

**6100.3700 TRAPPING.**

The commissioner may forbid the placement of any manner of animal trap in any area of a trail by order.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 84.86*

**6100.3800 PROTECTION OF THE TRAIL.**

**Subpart 1. Environment.** No person shall disturb, destroy, injure, damage, or remove any property within trails including but not limited to vegetation, ruins, wildlife, geological formations, signs, or facilities except edible fruit and wild animals legally taken under the provisions of parts 6100.3600 and 6100.3700 and vegetation unavoidably damaged or destroyed by the ordinary uses of the trail as specifically permitted by these parts. Collections for scientific and educational purposes may be made with the written consent of the commissioner previously obtained.

**Subp. 2. Bill posting.** No persons shall post, paste, fasten, paint, or affix any placard, bill, notice, or sign upon any structure, tree, stone, fence, or enclosure in a trail.

**Subp. 3. Obstructions.** No person shall place or cause to remain within any trail, any snowmobile, trailer, horse, bicycle, or other object so as to obstruct the free use and enjoyment of said trail. Any such obstruction shall be removed at the owner's expense. If not claimed and payment of expenses offered within a reasonable time, which in no case shall be more than 30 days, it shall be disposed of according to the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 16.0231 concerning the disposal of lost or abandoned property.

**Subp. 4. Refuse.** No person shall burn or dispose of garbage, refuse, litter, or trash within a trail except in receptacles provided for that purpose.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 84.86*

**6100.3900 PROTECTION OF OTHER USERS.**

**Subpart 1. Personal conduct.** Within a trail, no person, knowing or having reasonable grounds to know that it will, or will tend to, alarm, anger, or disturb others, or provoke an assault, shall breach the peace by engaging in the following conduct:

A. brawling, fighting, or other violent conduct directed toward another; or

B. offensive, obscene, or abusive language, or boisterous and noisy conduct which might be reasonably expected to arouse alarm, anger, or resentment in others.

**Subp. 2. Intoxication.** No person while within a trail shall be in a state of intoxication brought about by the consumption of intoxicating liquor.

**Subp. 3. Drugs.** No person shall use, be in the possession of, or be under the influence of drugs within a trail unless such use, possession, or influence is pursuant to and in compliance with a prescription from a licensed physician.

**Subp. 4. Pets.** No persons shall allow any pet animal to be unrestrained or unattended except dogs used for hunting during legal hunting seasons in accordance with part 6100.3600. Such pets shall be restrained by a leash not exceeding six feet.

**Subp. 5. Peddling or soliciting.** No person shall peddle or solicit business of any nature, within a trail, or use any of the lands or structures as a base for commercial operations.

**Subp. 6. Safety.** While being ridden or operated within a trail, horses, bicycles, and snowmobiles must be under the control of the operator at all times.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 84.86*

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### 6100.4000 ADJACENT LAND.

Subpart 1. **Access.** A trail shall not be used as an access to private lands without the consent of the landowner, lessee, occupant, or his agent.

Subp. 2. **Posting.** Failure to post private lands does not imply such consent for trail users.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 84.86*

### 6100.4100 OTHER LAWS.

All uses of trails will be subject to commissioner's orders, snowmobile rules and safety laws, and bicycle rules and state laws.

Each component of the designated state recreational trail system shall be subject to the provisions of these parts, provided that in the event of conflict with some other law or rule of this state, the more restrictive provision will apply.

No regulation or ordinance adopted by a local unit of government may be inconsistent with these rules, except that local regulations or ordinances concerning the use of firearms, bows and arrows, and traps may be more restrictive than these rules.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 84.86*

### 6100.4200 SUSPENSION OF RULES.

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.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 84.86*

### 6100.4300 PENALTY.

Any person who shall violate any rules promulgated herein shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to arrest.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.03; 84.86*

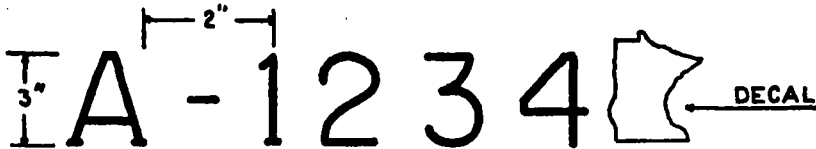
## SNOWMOBILES

### 6100.5000 SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION AND DISPLAY OF NUMBERS.

Subpart 1. **Application.** Application for snowmobile registration shall be made to the commissioner of natural resources or his authorized agent on the form prescribed. (See part 6100.6000, subpart 1, Form A). Registrants must be 18 years of age or older prior to applying for registration of a snowmobile. Upon presentation of a bill of sale in the form prescribed by the commissioner, part 6100.6000 subpart 2, Form B, and payment of the fee required, a snowmobile registration certificate will be issued to the applicant. Registration certificates are valid for a period of three years. A decal showing the expiration date shall be affixed to the machine as illustrated below.

Subp. 2. **Required information.** The applicant shall furnish all the information required by the application for snowmobile registration. (Part 6100.6000, subpart 1, Form A.)

Subp. 3. **Affixation of number.** The registration number of the snowmobile, shown on the registration certificate, shall be affixed to the snowmobile and maintained in a clear, legible manner. On all machines made after June 30, 1972, and sold in Minnesota, such registration number shall be affixed in the space provided therefor in accordance with part 6100.5700, subpart 4. On all other machines it shall be affixed on each side of the cowling on the upper half of the machine, as follows.



Subp. 4. **Description of decal or number; lost or destroyed number or decal.** All letters and numbers shall be of a color which will contrast with the surface to which applied, and shall be at least three inches high and three-eighths inch stroke. When any previously affixed registration number or decal is destroyed or lost, a duplicate shall be affixed in the manner shown above. The registration number shall remain the same if renewed by July 1 following the expiration date.

Subp. 5. **General prohibition.** No person shall operate or transport, and no person shall permit the operation of, a snowmobile within this state which does not have its registration number and unexpired decal affixed in the form and manner required by this part, unless the owner is exempted from the registration requirements of this state by Minnesota Statutes, section 84.82.

Subp. 6. **Duplicate certificate.** A duplicate registration certificate will be issued upon application by the owner to the commissioner on the form prescribed and upon payment of the fee required by law. Replacement registration decals may be obtained from the Department of Natural Resources license center or any conservation officer.

Subp. 7. **Transfer of ownership.** Application for transfer of ownership shall be made to the commissioner within 15 days of the date of transfer. An "Application for Transfer" form (part 6100.6000, subpart 3, Form C) is to be executed by the registered owner and the purchaser and submitted together with the fee required by law, the owner's registration certificate and a bill of sale in the form prescribed by the commissioner (part 6100.6000, subpart 2, Form B).

Subp. 8. **Reporting of abandoned, stolen, or destroyed snowmobiles.** Abandoned, stolen, or destroyed snowmobiles shall be reported to the commissioner within 15 days by completing the reverse side of the registration certificate. No fee is charged for the reporting.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.86*

#### **6100.5100 USE OF SNOWMOBILES DURING HUNTING SEASON.**

No person shall operate a snowmobile between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. in any area open for the taking of deer by firearms, except for law enforcement purposes or by commissioner's order; provided, however, that conservation officers may issue written permits authorizing operation of snowmobiles during such hours in case of emergency or other unusual conditions.

Deer being dragged by a snowmobile must have the prescribed deer tag properly placed and locked at the time the operator arrives at an improved roadway or designated trail. The tag must be properly placed and locked at the time the deer is brought into any hunting camp, dwelling, farmyard, or other place of abode of any kind occupied overnight, or before being placed wholly or partially on a snowmobile, or upon a conveyance towed by a snowmobile.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.86*

#### **6100.5200 USE OF SNOWMOBILES ON PUBLIC LANDS AND WATERS.**

Subpart 1. **Permitted uses and exceptions.** Snowmobiles may be operated on public lands or waters under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of natural resources except that no persons shall operate a snowmobile in any of the following, except for law enforcement purposes:

A. in any state park, state recreation area, state historic site, or state scientific and natural area with the exception of posted snowmobile trails or areas;

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B. in any state wildlife management area without the written permission of the agent in charge thereof in that part of the state lying south and west of a line described as follows: U.S. Highway No. 2 from East Grand Forks easterly to Bemidji; thence southerly along U.S. Highway No. 71 to Wadena; thence easterly along U.S. Highway No. 10 to Staples and U.S. Highway No. 210 to Carlton; thence east in a straight line to the easterly boundary of the state; and

C. in any area in which such operation is or may hereafter be prohibited by law, regulations, order, or directive.

Subp. 2. **Regulation by government subdivisions of state.** Governmental subdivisions of the state may by resolution or ordinance regulate the operation of snowmobiles on public waters within their boundaries, provided such resolution or ordinance is not inconsistent with law or these parts. No resolution or ordinance restricting the period of time within which snowmobiles may be operated on public waters shall be valid with respect to such restriction unless first submitted to the commissioner of natural resources and approved by him in writing.

Subp. 3. **No dumping.** No person shall deposit any garbage, rubbish, offal, the body of any dead animal, or other litter upon public lands or waters or the ice thereon, other than in containers, provided thereof, or, without the consent of the owner, on private lands or water or ice thereon.

Subp. 4. **Speed limits.** Speed limits:

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive or operate any snowmobile at a rate of speed greater than is reasonable or proper under all of the surrounding circumstances or at a rate that is greater than that set by the commissioner of natural resources pursuant to item B, on public lands or waters of this state under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of natural resources, provided that the operation of any snowmobile at a rate of speed in excess of 50 miles per hour on such lands or waters shall be unreasonable and unlawful unless operated pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of item C.

B. Where necessary, the commissioner of natural resources may establish and post at reasonable intervals, a reasonable and safe maximum speed limit for the operation of snowmobiles along a specific portion of public trail under his jurisdiction, or in a specific area of public land or water under his jurisdiction. Such speed limit shall be effective when signs are erected and any operation of a snowmobile within such posted portion of trail or area in excess of the posted speed limit is unlawful.

C. The speed limits established by item A and by the commissioner of natural resources under the authority of item B may be waived in writing by the commissioner during the pendency of an organized race or similar competitive event held upon such lands or waters.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.86*

### 6100.5300 UNIFORM SIGNS.

Subpart 1. **In general.** The signs in subparts 2 to 10 are designated as necessary and desirable to control, direct, or regulate the operation and use of snowmobiles for the purposes indicated.

Subp. 2. **Informational blazer.** Informational blazer to be used in indicating intersections or major changes in trail direction through use of the 7-1/2 inch decals shown below, or comparable screened insignia.

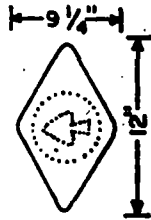


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Subp. 3. **Directional blazer.** Directional blazer to be used in indicating minor changes in trail direction through use of the 5-1/4 inch arrow decal shown below or comparable screened insignia.



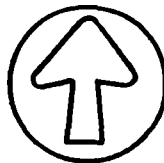
Subp. 4. **Reassuring blazer.** Reassuring blazer placed along trail often enough to reassure the user he is on trail.



Subp. 5. **Color of blazers.** The blazers in subparts 2 to 4 are to be orange Scotchlite #3274 or its equivalent.

Subp. 6. **Directional decals.** The following directional decals are to be used:

A. Directional decal to be used on the 14 inch by 18-1/4 inch informational blazer.



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B. Directional decal to be used on the 9-1/4 inch by 12 inch directional blazer.



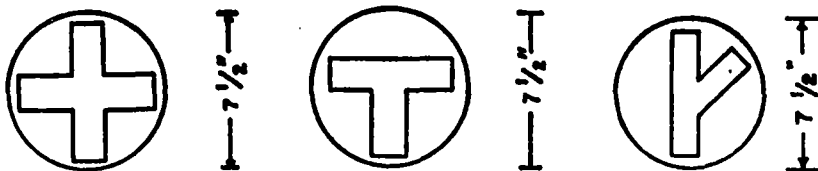
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Subp. 7. **Intersectional decals.** Intersectional decals to be used on the 14 inch by 18-1/4 inch informational blazer.



Subp. 8. **Intersectional decals.** Decals in subparts 6 and 7 to have background or orange Scotchlite #3274 or equivalent with insignia screened black.

Subp. 9. **Stop sign.** Stop sign to be used along trail prior to road or highway crossing. Placement to be approximately 25 feet from such crossing point. Colors and reflectorization to conform to highway standards.



Subp. 10. **No snowmobiling sign.** No snowmobiling to be used to indicate trails and areas where snowmobile use is prohibited. Background color is to be orange Scotchlite #3274 or equivalent; snowmobile symbol to be 60 percent black, prohibiting slash and letters solid black.



From and after October 1, 1970, no sign intended for any of the purposes indicated in the preceding paragraph shall be erected by the state or its governmental subdivisions unless such sign is substantially in the form, shape, dimensions, and colors shown in the preceding paragraph.

Detailed plans and specifications of such signs will be available upon written request to the commissioner.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.86*

**6100.5400 SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENT REPORTS.**

Subpart 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this part, certain terms or words used herein shall be interpreted as follows:

A. "Injury requiring medical attention" means an injury of such a degree that its proper treatment requires consultation with or a visit to a doctor or hospital emergency room.

B. "Involved in an accident" means every snowmobile which either strikes or is struck by another person, snowmobile, motor vehicle, or other animate or inanimate object.

C. "Operator" means every person who operates or is in actual physical control of a snowmobile.

D. "Promptly" means that such written report shall be forwarded as soon as possible after an accident but not more than 48 hours after such accident.

E. "Total damage" means total apparent property damage resulting to each snowmobile and its related equipment or to any other property which is involved in the accident.

Subp. 2. **General requirement.** The operator of any snowmobile involved in an accident resulting in injury requiring medical attention or hospitalization to or death of any person or total damage to an extent of \$100 or more, shall promptly forward a written report of the accident on the form prescribed. (Part 6100.6000, subpart 5, Form E.)

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.86*

**6100.5500 SNOWMOBILE EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS.**

Subpart 1. **Administration.** Snowmobile education and training programs will be administered by the snowmobile safety coordinator, Department of Natural Resources.

Subp. 2. **Purpose.** Training programs will be conducted in each county for the purpose of qualifying persons 12 years of age or older, but less than 18, for a snowmobile safety certificate.

Subp. 3. **Course content.** The course content will include the following: machine nomenclature, control familiarization, machine safety features, operating procedures, snowmobile and highway laws and regulations, loading and towing procedures, snowmobile code of ethics, safety hazards of operation, including possible hearing damage, environmental consequences of snowmobile use, and performance and written tests.

Subp. 4. **Fee.** The fee for enrollment in a training program class is \$2, payable in advance. A student who fails to pass may take the class over when available, without additional fee. Persons age 18 or over, or age 11 may be admitted to a class to the extent facilities permit upon payment of the \$2 fee.

Subp. 5. **Safety certificate.** Upon successful completion of the training program by a student, the instructor will submit the name, address, and date of birth of the student to the snowmobile safety coordinator who will issue to the student, on behalf of the commissioner, a snowmobile safety certificate. A duplicate certificate will be issued if the original is lost or destroyed, upon application and payment of \$2. No snowmobile safety certificate shall be issued to any person less than 12 years of age except to his or her parents or guardian, to be held by such parent or guardian until the person's 12th birthday.

Subp. 6. **Age limitations.** Each snowmobile safety certificate issued shall show on its face the birthdate of the person to whom it was issued. No person less than 14 years of age or any other person 14 years of age but less than 18 years of age who does not possess a snowmobile safety certificate may make a direct crossing of a street or highway at any time.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.86*



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## 6100.5600 REVOCATION OF SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CERTIFICATES.

Subpart 1. **Form.** When the judge of a juvenile court or any of its duly authorized agents shall determine that any person, while less than 18 years of age, has violated the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.81 to 84.88 or any other state or local law or ordinance regulating the operation of snowmobiles, the judge or duly authorized agent shall immediately report such a determination to the commissioner on the form prescribed. (Part 6100.6000, subpart 6, Form F.) The judge, or duly authorized agent, may indicate upon the form prescribed his recommendation as to whether or not the person's snowmobile safety certificate should be suspended and the length of such suspension, if any.

Subp. 2. **Suspension of certificate; surrender.** A person under 18 years of age shall surrender his snowmobile safety certificate to the judge, or his duly authorized agent, in all cases when such judge, or his agent, recommends the suspension of such certificate. The snowmobile safety certificate shall be transmitted to the commissioner in all cases where suspension thereof is recommended and where such recommended period of suspension exceeds 15 days.

Subp. 3. **Retention of certificates.** The commissioner shall retain possession of snowmobile safety certificates which he suspends during the period of the suspension, all other certificates shall be returned immediately upon a determination that they will not be suspended.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.86*

## 6100.5700 EQUIPMENT REQUIRED ON VEHICLES.

Subpart 1. **Snowmobiles.** No snowmobile shall be operated upon public lands, waters, streets, or highways unless it is equipped as follows:

A. At least one head lamp having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to reveal persons and vehicles at a distance of at least 100 feet ahead during hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions. Such head lamp shall be so aimed that glaring rays are not projected into the eyes of an oncoming snowmobile operator.

B. At least one red tail lamp, having a minimum candlepower of sufficient intensity to exhibit a red light plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet to the rear during hours of darkness, under normal atmospheric conditions.

C. Reflector material of a minimum area of 16 square inches mounted on each side forward of the handle bars. Reflector material shall have at least the minimum intensity values as prescribed in Table II of federal specifications L-S-300A, dated January 1, 1970. Registration numbers, the manufacturer's trade name, or other decorative material, if meeting minimum reflectorization standards, may be included in computing the required 16-square-inch area.

D. Brakes adequate to control the movement of, and to stop and to hold the snowmobile track under normal conditions of operation.

E. "Street or highway" means the entire width between boundary lines or any way or place when any part thereof is open to the use of the public, as a matter of right, for the purpose of vehicular traffic.

Subp. 2. **Sled, trailer, or device towed by snowmobile.** Any sled, trailer, or other device being towed by a snowmobile during the hours of darkness under normal atmospheric conditions shall be equipped as follows:

A. Unobstructed and visible reflector material shall be mounted on each side and at the rear of the sled, trailer, or vehicle.

B. The reflector material required herein shall have at least the minimum intensity values set forth in subpart 1, item C or it shall be in accordance with Reflex Reflectors, SAE J594E.

Subp. 3. **Maker's permanent identification number.** All snowmobiles made after June 30, 1972, and sold in Minnesota shall bear the maker's permanent identification number so placed and of such size as follows:

A. be stamped into the right outside vertical surface of the track tunnel in an area within 12 inches of the rearmost edge of the track tunnel, or other approved location;

B. have a height of numerals and letters of not less than one-fourth inch;

C. have a depth of embossing of not less than 0.010 inch; and

D. be readable without moving any part of the vehicle.

Each snowmobile so manufactured shall bear an individual number which is not duplicated by that maker at any time within the succeeding ten years.

Subp. 4. **Snowmobile registration number affixation.** All snowmobiles made after June 30, 1972, and sold in Minnesota, shall be designed and made to provide an area on which to affix the snowmobile registration number at the following location and of the following dimensions:

A. A clear area shall be provided on each side of the cowling or pan with the minimum size of 3-1/2 inches vertical by 11 inches horizontal.

B. It shall be a minimum of 12 inches from the ground when the machine is resting on a hard surface.

Subp. 5. **Mufflers.** Mufflers:

A. No person shall operate a snowmobile unless it is equipped with a muffler as required by law and these rules, except that snowmobiles may be operated in organized events as authorized by Minnesota Statutes, section 84.871, without such a muffler.

B. No snowmobile manufactured on or after June 30, 1970, and before February 1, 1972, for sale in Minnesota, except snowmobiles designed for competition purposes only, shall be sold, or offered for sale, unless it is equipped with a muffler that limits engine noise to not more than 86 decibels on the A scale at 50 feet.

C. No snowmobile manufactured on or after February 1, 1972, for sale in Minnesota, except snowmobiles designed for competition purposes only, shall be sold, or offered for sale, unless it is equipped with a muffler that limits engine noise to not more than 82 decibels on the A scale at 50 feet.

D. No snowmobile manufactured on or after February 1, 1974, for sale in Minnesota, except a snowmobile designed for competition purposes only, shall be sold, or offered for sale, unless it is equipped with a muffler that limits engine noise to not more than 73 decibels on the A scale at 50 feet.

No snowmobile manufactured on or after April 1, 1975, except a snowmobile designed for competition purposes only, shall be sold, offered for sale, or operated in Minnesota unless it is so equipped and has been certified by the manufacturer to conform to a sound level limitation of not more than 78 decibels on the A scale at 50 feet as originally equipped.

E. In certifying that a new snowmobile complies with the noise limitation requirements of this rule, a manufacturer shall make such a certification based on measurements made in accordance with the SAE Recommended Practice J192(a), as set forth in the Report of the Vehicle Sound Level Committee, as approved by the Society of Automotive Engineers September 1970 and revised November 1973.

F. No snowmobile shall be sold or offered for sale in Minnesota unless its maker shall have previously furnished the commissioner with a certificate of compliance certifying that all such snowmobiles made by that maker meet or exceed the applicable noise level restrictions established by these rules. The certification of compliance required in the foregoing shall be in the form of a "Snowmobile Safety Certification Committee" label conspicuously

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attached to the machine showing certification by the Snowmobile Safety and Certification Committee, Inc. Snowmobiles intended for competition purposes only shall be exempt from this rule provided a separate placard identifying that such snowmobile is not so equipped is conspicuously and permanently affixed thereto.

G. Except for organized events as authorized by Minnesota Statutes, section 84.871, no snowmobile shall be modified by any person in any manner that shall amplify or otherwise increase total noise level above that emitted by the snowmobile as originally equipped, regardless of date of manufacture.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.86*

### 6100.5800 PENALTIES.

Subpart 1. **In general.** Any person who shall violate any of the provisions of these parts shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subp. 2. **Manufacturer's penalty.** A manufacturer who certifies that a new snowmobile can meet the sound level limitations imposed by these parts shall be subject to the penalty provisions of subpart 1 for each machine so certified which does not meet the applicable sound level limitations.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.86*

### 6100.6000 FORMS.

Subpart 1. Form A.

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101		DO NOT STAMP, FOLD OR MUTILATE	
SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION APPLICATION		NAME NO. _____ STATION # OR OWNER _____ LICENSE _____ EXPIRES _____ ISS. DATE, TIME, & PLACE _____	
PLEASE PRINT		PLEASE PRINT	
NAME _____		DATE _____ MODEL _____	
STREET OR RFD NO. _____		CITY AND ZIP CODE _____ STATE _____	
CITY AND ZIP CODE _____ STATE _____		SERIAL NO. _____ DEVELOPER _____	
MAIL TO:		STATE _____ OWNER'S SIGNATURE _____	
MINNESOTA DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES		APPLICANT MUST BE 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER	
LICENSE CENTER		FEE \$10.00 FOR 3 YEAR PERIOD	
605 N. ROBERT ST.		MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:	
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101		MINNESOTA STATE TREASURER	
60-1 6000-01		DO NOT SEND CASH	

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**Subp. 2. Form B.**

**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
BILL OF SALE**

Know all men by these presents, that \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Seller

\_\_\_\_\_ in consideration of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Seller

dollars, to \_\_\_\_\_ paid by \_\_\_\_\_  
him her it Name of Buyer

\_\_\_\_\_ the receipt whereof is hereby  
Address of Buyer

acknowledged to sell and deliver to said \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Buyer

the following described snowmobile:

\_\_\_\_\_ Manufacturer's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Serial Number of Body \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Serial Number of Engine \_\_\_\_\_ H.P. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Sale \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Seller \_\_\_\_\_

**Subp. 3. Form C.**

A-107 MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101

SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATION APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OR DUPLICATE

DO NOT DUPLICATE, FOLD OR IMITATE

REGISTRATION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

EXPIRES & ISSUED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ISSUE PLACE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION FEE: \$2.00

--- PLEASE PRINT ---

REGISTRATION CLASS:  TRANSFER  DUPLICATE

SHOW NEW OWNER OR DUPLICATE INFORMATION HERE				SHOW PREVIOUS OWNER INFORMATION HERE			
NAME _____				NAME _____			
CITY _____				CITY _____			
STREET OR R.F.D. _____				STREET OR R.F.D. _____			
STATE _____				STATE _____			
COUNTY _____				COUNTY _____			
LOCAL LICENSE BY BUYER _____				LOCAL LICENSE BY BUYER _____			
REGISTRATION FEE \$ 2.00				REGISTRATION FEE \$ 2.00			

MAIL TO: MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
LICENSE CENTER  
625 W. ROBERT ST.  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101

APPLICANT MUST BE 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

SEE OWNER'S LICENSE

MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO: MINNESOTA STATE TREASURER

DO NOT SEND CASH

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### Subp. 4. Form D.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Reg. No.	_____
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APPLICATION FOR:

#### SNOWMOBILE MANUFACTURER OR DEALER CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

I HEREBY REQUEST A:

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

MANUFACTURER REGISTRATION - \$150.00 PER YEAR

MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:  
MINNESOTA STATE TREASURER

DEALER REGISTRATION - \$37.50 PER YEAR

ISSUE REGISTRATION TO:

DO NOT SEND CASH

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT

BUSINESS OR OWNERS NAME		STREET OR RFD NUMBER		
CITY OR TOWN	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTY	

PLEASE SEND \_\_\_\_\_ ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION PLATES @ \$3.00 EACH \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO:

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
LICENSE CENTER  
625 NO. ROBERT STREET  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55101

\_\_\_\_\_  
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

DETACH BEFORE MAILING

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#### IMPORTANT

Effective July 1, 1971, under authority of Laws 1971, Chapter 577, Sec. 3, Subd. 3, the registration fees for manufacturers and dealers are:

**MANUFACTURERS:**

The total registration fee for all snowmobiles owned by a manufacturer and operated for research, testing, experimentation or demonstration purposes shall be \$150.00 per year.

**DEALERS:**

The registration fee for all snowmobiles owned by a dealer and operated for demonstration or testing purposes shall be \$37.50 per year.

**HOW DO YOU APPLY FOR REGISTRATION?**

By completing the above application as prescribed by the Commissioner of Natural Resources and mailing it together with your remittance to the address as shown on the application.

**WHAT WILL YOU RECEIVE FOR YOUR FEE?**

Registration plates will be furnished dealers and manufacturers by the Commissioner, and such plate shall be clearly displayed when the snowmobile is being operated. Manufacturers will be furnished twelve (12) registration plates, and dealers three (3) registration plates; in addition each such registrant will be furnished a non-transferable registration to be displayed in his place of business. Additional registration plates may be ordered by completing that section of the application at an additional cost of \$3.00 each. When sending your remittance, be sure to include the price of the extra registration plates requested in addition to the \$150.00 or \$37.50 basic fee.

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### Subp. 5. Form E.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

Print or Type

#### OFFICIAL SNOWMOBILE ACCIDENT REPORT

The operator of any snowmobile involved in an accident resulting in injury requiring medical attention or hospitalization or death of any person or total damage to an extent of \$100 or more, shall promptly forward a written report of the accident on the form prescribed. This report shall be mailed no later than 48 hours after the accident to the Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of I & E, 350 Centennial Building, 659 Cedar St., St. Paul 55155.							
Time	Date of Accident	Month	Day	Year	Day of Week	Hour	A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> P.M. <input type="checkbox"/>
My Snowmobile Number 1	Owner's Full Name (print)		Address		City	State	Zip Code
	Operator's Full Name (unless same as owner)		Address		City	State	Zip Code
	Date of Birth Mo.      Day      Year			Have you successfully completed the Minnesota Snowmobile Safety Training Program.			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Snowmobile License Number		Year	State	Part of Machine Damaged		Estimated Repair Cost
	Model	Year	Make	Do you have insurance covering accident?			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Snowmobile or Other Vehicle Number 2	Other Owner's Full Name		Address		City	State	Zip Code
	Other Operator's Full Name (unless same as owner)		Address		City	State	Zip Code
	Date of Birth Mo.      Day      Year			Have you successfully completed the Minnesota Snowmobile Safety Training Program.			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Snowmobile or other Vehicle License Number		Year	State	Part of Vehicle Damaged		Estimated Repair Cost
	Model	Year	Make	Do you have insurance covering accident?			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
IF MORE THAN TWO MACHINES OR PASSENGERS USE ADDITIONAL FORMS							
Location	County		Township, City or Village			Section Number	
	Type of Terrain	Road Right-of-Way	<input type="checkbox"/>	Governmental Marked Trail			<input type="checkbox"/>
		Privately Marked Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>	Governmental Unmarked Property			<input type="checkbox"/>
Private Unmarked Property		<input type="checkbox"/>	Lake or Stream			<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Railroad Right-of-Way	<input type="checkbox"/>	Within City or Village Limits			<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Outside City or Village Limits	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Describe on Back)			<input type="checkbox"/>	
LIST PERSONS INJURED OR KILLED							
Injured	Name	Injured	Killed	Age _____ Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Machine Number	
	Name	Injured	Killed	Age _____ Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Operator <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger <input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Machine Number	

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<b>Other</b>	Other Property Damaged (Not Snowmobiles) Describe:		Approx. Cost to Repair Object
	Owner of Property Name	Address	

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS AND CHECK ALL APPLICABLE ITEMS

Weather:     Clear             Cloudy             Rain or Sleet  
                   Fog                 Light Snow         Heavy Snow         Blowing Snow  
 Other (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Light Conditions:     Dawn             Daylight             Dusk             Dark

Type of Accident:     Snowmobile-Car Collision     Fixed Object     Snowmobile-Snowmobile Collision     Barbed Wire  
 Snowmobile Rollover     Operator Thrown From Snowmobile     Passenger Thrown From Snowmobile  
 Passenger Thrown From Object Being Towed by Snowmobile     Snowmobiler Injured in Mechanism  
of Machine     Struck Guy Wire or Cable     Broke Through Ice     Equipment Malfunction     Collision  
With Train     Clothing Caught in Machine     Other (Describe) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe Accident in Sufficient Detail to Disclose Cause.  
Person Completing This Report is Vehicle Number 1.

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Indicate On This Form What Happened. Indicate North by Arrow.


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Subp. 6. Form F.

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
REPORT PURSUANT TO MINN. STAT. § 84.872

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby report that  
(Juvenile Judge or authorized agent)

on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 197\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Juvenile)  
was found to have violated a state or local law relating to the operation of snowmobiles,

to wit: \_\_\_\_\_

It is my recommendation that said juvenile's snowmobile safety certificate \_\_\_\_\_  
(be or not be)  
suspended. It is further my recommendation that such suspension, if any, be for a period  
of \_\_\_\_\_ days.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 197\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Juvenile Judge or authorized agent)

(Notice: Transmit the Juvenile's snowmobile safety certificate along with this Form if the  
suspension exceeds 15 days.)  
Send to:

Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources  
Centennial Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155  
Attn.: Snowmobile Safety Coordinator

Statutory Authority: MS s 84.86



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## OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL PROJECTS

### 6100.7000 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Allocations.** "Allocations" means the amount of land and water conservation fund moneys assigned annually to the state of Minnesota.

Subp. 2. **Bureau.** "Bureau" means the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

Subp. 3. **Fund.** "Fund" means the land and water conservation fund.

Subp. 4. **LAWCON.** "LAWCON" means the land and water conservation fund administered by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

Subp. 5. **Local projects.** "Local projects" means projects sponsored by local governmental units below state level.

Subp. 6. **Metropolitan area.** "Metropolitan area" means Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington counties.

Subp. 7. **Open space.** "Open space" means the urban acquisition grant program administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Subp. 8. **Public Law Number 566.** "Public Law Number 566" means the small watershed protection and flood control program administered by the Department of Agriculture.

Subp. 9. **Project proposal.** "Project proposal" means a proposal for acquisition of land and/or water or development of facilities contributing to outdoor recreation.

Subp. 10. **State agency.** "State agency" means the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 86.71*

### 6100.7100 CRITERIA FOR PROPOSED RECREATIONAL PROJECTS.

Subpart 1. **Purpose.** The following criteria will be used in evaluating outdoor recreation project proposals to establish priorities which have otherwise been determined eligible for financial assistance from the land and water conservation fund.

Subp. 2. **Three-step evaluation.** Evaluation of project proposals by the state agency will be made in three steps: classification of the general project, application of state criteria, and assignment of priorities.

Subp. 3. **State criteria.** The following acquisition and development projects shall receive priority over other projects which otherwise possess the same characteristics:

A. projects identified in a county or municipal plan which has been approved by a county or an established regional authority as required by part 6100.7400, subpart 4, items A and B and incorporated in an action program of the county or regional authority which approved the project application;

B. those types of outdoor recreation facilities and functions for which the applying agency is normally responsible to supply; see part 6100.7200;

C. proposed projects which cannot be funded from other grants-in-aid programs (i.e., open space, Public Law Number 566, etc.);

D. projects having regional or statewide significance when applicants adequately demonstrate their inability in finance the project without federal LAWCON assistance;

E. projects promoting an environment of natural beauty as compared to those having unsightly conditions (environmental intrusions) or reservations in the title which may create such intrusions; and

F. local projects having regional significance, and state projects having statewide significance.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 86.71*

**6100.7200 GOVERNMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN OUTDOOR RECREATION.**

Subpart 1. **In general.** Although there is not clear-cut separation between the responsibility of the private and public segments, the public endeavor may enter into competition with the private entrepreneur. If any separation in responsibility does exist, it follows that where facilities or services can be supplied by the private entrepreneur for profit, the public will not enter into competition. An example of this may be deluxe type of camping area. On the other hand a primitive type of camping area will remain a public responsibility. To identify responsibility by governmental levels the following are examples of areas and facilities which will ordinarily be considered to be of a public nature for outdoor recreation purposes. This does not include those areas of concern for the cultural or aesthetic amenities such as roadside beautification, air and water quality, preservation of historic sites, etc.

Subp. 2. **Type of areas and facilities in public responsibility.** Pursuant to Laws of Minnesota 1965, chapter 810, section 21 (codified as Minnesota Statutes, section 86.71), the governor, or such state agency or agencies as the governor may designate, is designated as the state agency to apply for, accept, receive, and disburse federal funds and private funds which are granted to the state of Minnesota from the Federal Land and Water Fund Act. The governor on June 24, 1965, designated the Department of Conservation as the state agency to act for him in applying for, receiving, accepting, and disbursing such funds.

**A. Municipal area of responsibility.****(1) Occupancy use sites and facilities:**

- (a) picknicking, urban;
- (b) playgrounds;
- (c) playfields, excluding semipro and professional;
- (d) golf links, without membership;
- (e) swimming, natural beaches;
- (f) swimming pools;
- (g) ski areas, amateur;
- (h) boat and canoe access;
- (i) skating rinks, amateur;
- (j) hockey rinks, amateur; and
- (k) archery ranges.

**(2) Dispersed use sites and facilities:**

- (a) natural areas;
- (b) arboretums;
- (c) scenic areas;
- (d) parkways;
- (e) hiking trails;
- (f) horse trails; and
- (g) bicycle trails.

**B. County area of responsibility.****(1) Picknicking, rural:**

- (a) picknicking, wayside;
- (b) playing fields, rural excluding semipro and professional;
- (c) playgrounds, rural;
- (d) golf links without membership;
- (e) swimming, natural;
- (f) ski areas, amateur;
- (g) boat and canoe landing;
- (h) camping, group tent;

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- (i) camping, wayside;
  - (j) camping, primitive;
  - (k) trap shooting; and
  - (l) rifle ranges.
- (2) Dispersed use sites and facilities;
- (a) natural areas;
  - (b) park areas;
  - (c) scenic areas;
  - (d) parkways;
  - (e) waterfront zones;
  - (f) roadside zones;
  - (g) hiking trails;
  - (h) horse trails;
  - (i) snowmobile trails;
  - (j) historic sites, multi-use; and
  - (k) hunting and fishing areas;
- C. State area of responsibility.
- (1) Occupancy sites and facilities:
- (a) picknicking, rural;
  - (b) picknicking, wayside;
  - (c) boat and canoe landing, state owned land only;
  - (d) camping primitive, without road access;
  - (e) camping primitive, with road access;
  - (f) camping, group tent; and
  - (g) camping, wayside.
- (2) Dispersed use site and facilities:
- (a) natural history areas;
  - (b) geological history areas;
  - (c) human history areas;
  - (d) parks, multi-use;
  - (e) forests, multi-use;
  - (f) water areas;
  - (g) scenic areas;
  - (h) parkways and scenic waysides;
  - (i) waterfront zones;
  - (j) roadside zones;
  - (k) wilderness trails; and
  - (l) wildlife areas.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 86.71*

### **6100.7300 APPLICATION OF STATE CRITERIA TO PROJECTS OF THE SAME CLASSIFICATION; PRIORITIES.**

Subpart 1. **Acquisition projects classification.** Acquisition projects will be classified as follows:

A. areas which will provide multipurpose sites for needed mass use type of recreational activity to meet the needs of urban and local populations;

B. areas having a combination of significantly outstanding natural, scientific, cultural, historic, educational, and recreational values, particularly those providing habitat for rare and endangered species of plants and animals, and those preserving scarce ecological associations, historic and cultural features, or unique geologic formations, which will, when acquired and developed, be open to public recreation use;

C. areas which will provide sites for only a single purpose or tenancy type of recreational use;

D. areas which will provide for dispersed recreation uses, including but not limited to: public access, scenic areas, fish and wildlife habitat areas, and roadside, trail side, and waterfront zones.

**Subp. 2. General acquisition project priorities.** The priority of specific acquisition projects within any one classification will be determined by the state criteria in part 6100.7100, subpart 3 provided each project complies with Minnesota Statutes 1967, section 86.71, subdivision 4. "Compatibility" as used therein shall mean in agreement with the currently accepted state outdoor recreation plan promulgated in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1967, section 86.71, subdivision 3.

Projects having the highest priority will be programmed as defined in part 6100.7400, within the limits of allocations available to the state and in conformity with the distribution of the funds provided in Minnesota Statutes.

Projects having a low priority will not be programmed for funding when funds are limited.

**Subp. 3. Development projects classification.** For purposes of priority evaluation, outdoor recreation development projects will be classified as follows:

A. Projects which are essential to the protection and perpetuation of the site and its environment providing the site is of unique character and of public interest.

B. Projects which are essential for protecting the health and safety of the user.

C. Projects essential to provide access to dispersed use areas including, but not limited to: water access sites, hiking, horseback, snowmobile, and other trails.

D. Projects which are essential to meet the need for facilities within an area to provide multipurpose recreational opportunities to the general public, rather than a segment of the public, and which provide for mass use needs and have combinations of facilities including, but not limited to: picnic grounds, playgrounds, launching ramps, swimming beaches, ski areas, playing fields. Consideration should be given to the needs of handicapped, aged, and underprivileged groups.

E. Projects which are essential in providing tenancy for outdoor recreation users such as campgrounds, where such facilities are not of sufficient capacity to meet the present needs.

F. Single-purpose projects which are essential in providing for mass use including, but not limited to: picnic areas, playgrounds, playing fields, swimming pools and beaches, ski areas, or ball fields.

**Subp. 4. General development project priorities.** The priority of specific development projects within any one classification will first be judged for the quality of the site itself and its suitability for the planned purposes as defined in the acquisition development priority schedule of the currently approved state outdoor recreation plan.

Secondly, the priority of said projects will be determined in accordance with the state criteria in part 6100.7100, subpart 3 provided each project complies with Minnesota Statutes 1967, section 86.71, subdivision 4. "Compatibility" as used therein shall mean in agreement with the currently accepted state outdoor recreation plan promulgated in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 1967, section 86.71, subdivision 3.

Projects having sufficient priority will be programmed as defined in part 6100.7400 within the limits of the allocation available to the state and in conformity with the distribution of the fund as provided in Minnesota Statutes 1967, section 86.71, or any amendment or superseding statute thereto.

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Projects having a low priority rating will not be programmed for funding when funds are limited.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 86.71*

### **6100.7400 PROJECT PROGRAMMING OR SCHEDULING PROCEDURE.**

**Subpart 1. State allocation.** Preliminary allocations to the states are usually released approximately 30 days following the beginning of a fiscal year. The final amount available for state use is amended in the last quarter of the fiscal year. However, later adjustments in the state allocation may subsequently be made by the bureau to reflect the actual receipts in the fund.

**Subp. 2. Distribution of state allocation.** Minnesota Statutes 1967, section 86.71, subdivision 4, provides that 50 percent of the state allocation be distributed for projects to be acquired, developed, and maintained by local units of government. The remaining 50 percent will be made available to state agencies. This law further provides that "any guidelines established by the state for distribution of moneys made available to the state under subdivision 1 shall, after July 1, 1967, be distributed on a statewide and regional priorities basis other than a formula based on population and land areas."

**Subp. 3. Submission of project proposals.** Submission of project proposals:

A. The programming or scheduling of projects for funding from the local government share of the state allocation for each fiscal year following July 1, 1967, will be accomplished by the review and evaluation of all project proposals in the hands of the state agency on or before November 15 and May 15, or the nearest workday should these dates fall on Saturday or Sunday. Project proposals from state agencies will likewise be reviewed and evaluated if in hand on or before September 15 and March 15 or on the nearest workday.

B. Each applying agency will certify by accompanying letter or statement that they have the financial authority and capability to support 100 percent of an acquisition or 75 percent of a development project until reimbursement is received.

C. Projects programmed by the state agency and recommended to the bureau normally require about four months after date submitted for bureau action.

D. Any state agency, county, municipality, or other local public entity in Minnesota may submit project proposals to acquire land for outdoor recreational purposes, or for the development of such acquired area, or on areas now held under an acceptable title in fee or an acceptable leasehold.

Local units of government will submit the project proposals, on forms as prescribed by the state agency for acquisition projects or for development projects, with the required attachments.

State agencies will submit their project proposals using forms as presented by the federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for acquisition projects and for development projects, along with the required attachments.

The required attachments for all project proposals shall consist of the following: a preliminary site plan, drawn to scale and showing the area boundary, and any development, both existing or planned by appropriate symbol, must accompany a proposal. Acquisition proposals will list each individual ownership as a parcel. These parcels should be indicated on the site map. The size of the map should not be larger than necessary to show the required detail. Proposals covering programmed projects will be prepared and submitted to the bureau by the state agency.

**Subp. 4. Local plan.** Local plan:

A. Projects proposed by local units of government or state agencies are subject to review and coordination by the state agency (Minnesota Statutes 1967, section 86.71, subdivision 3.) Local projects must be a part of a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan (preferably part of a coordinated land use

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plan) for the county or an established regional authority, and must be a part of the five-year action program of such a plan after January 1, 1969. (Minnesota Statutes 1967, section 86.71, subdivision 4.) Counties or an established regional authority not having a comprehensive plan in which outdoor recreation is a planning element, may prepare an interim outdoor recreation plan for the review by the State Planning Agency and the state agency. Such a plan must contain a five-year action program for acquisition and development which covers the entire county area and all jurisdictions therein, and which is approved by the county board.

B. Projects will be rated by the county or regional authority as to priority in the county or regional action program. Only local projects having top priority will be considered by the state agency for funding.

C. On a statewide or regional basis, the state agency will program for funding those projects included in the highest priority groups of the state plan first.

### Subp. 5. Local review of project proposals. Local review:

A. Any project proposal to be submitted to the legislative advisory committee for state natural resource assistance subsequent to bureau approval must be reviewed by the county board and the county planning committee of the regional planning committee if such a committee has been established. (Minnesota Statutes 1967, section 86.75.) Local review of all project proposals, and not just those enumerated, is desirable and in the best interest of good planning and programming. Such local review will provide adequate intracounty coordination, and where regional planning authority exists, adequate intercounty coordination. The review comments may be presented to the state agency by letter or copy of a resolution signed by the board or committee chairman.

B. Laws of Minnesota 1967, chapter 896, provides for a review of land and water conservation fund applications by the metropolitan council, when such a review is required by federal law or by the federal agency. Pursuant to president's executive order 11237 and Public Law Number 89.754 (80 Statutes at Large 1263) the federal government requires such a review when the application concerns acquisition of land in metropolitan areas such as the seven county metropolitan area. The council's review will be such as is required by law with respect to planning and programming. The council's recommendations will accompany the preliminary proposal when filed with the state agency for program review.

Subp. 6. State agency evaluation. All of the preliminary proposals received 30 days prior to a semiannual programming date will be evaluated by that date. Applications will either be submitted to the bureau for approval, held for future action, or disqualified if the project does not meet the standards herein established. The applicant will be duly notified by letter of the state agency's action. The standards against which a proposed project will be weighed are as follows:

A. The project must meet the qualifications for an outdoor recreation project established by the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act and the regulations of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

B. The project must be consistent with the currently accepted state comprehensive outdoor recreation plan.

C. Total cost for each proposed project will be in excess of \$5,000. Administration cost at a local, state, and federal level for a smaller project would be excessive.

D. The project proposal must receive a high priority as judged using state criteria in parts 6100.7000 to 6100.7300.

E. All applicants will certify that if the grant is approved they will have the capability of financing 100 percent of an acquisition project and at least 75 percent of a development project until reimbursement from the fund is

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received. Applicants will also certify as to their financial and organizational ability to maintain and administer the project if a grant were provided.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 86.71*