

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 278 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, after line 6, insert:

1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.777, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

1.4 Subdivision 1. **Designated trails.** (a) ~~Except as otherwise allowed by law or rules adopted~~
1.5 ~~by the commissioner, effective June 1, 2003,~~ Notwithstanding sections 84.787 to 84.804
1.6 and 84.92 to 84.928, the use of off-highway vehicles is prohibited on state land administered
1.7 by the commissioner of natural resources, and on county-administered forest land within
1.8 the boundaries of a state forest, except on roads and trails specifically designated and posted
1.9 by the commissioner for use by off-highway vehicles.

1.10 (b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to ~~county-administered~~ county- or township-administered
1.11 land within a state forest if the county or township board adopts a resolution that modifies
1.12 restrictions on the use of off-highway vehicles on ~~county-administered~~ county- or
1.13 township-administered land within the forest.

1.14 (c) An off-highway vehicle trail or designated off-highway vehicle route that is on a
1.15 state forest road or trail, township road or trail, county road or trail, or other state road or
1.16 trail must not include Tribal Lands or Ceded Territory unless the appropriate Tribal
1.17 government approves inclusion in the trail or route.

1.18 (d) Paragraph (c) must not be construed to affect roads or trails constructed or authorized
1.19 before the effective date of that paragraph.

1.20 (e) For purposes of this subdivision:

1.21 (1) "Ceded Territory" means land outside the boundary of an Indian reservation that was
1.22 ceded by a Tribe to the United States; and

(2) "Tribal Lands" means land within the boundary of an Indian reservation and land outside the boundary of an Indian reservation that is held in trust for a Tribe or Tribes by the United States.

EFFECTIVE DATE. Paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) are effective the day following final enactment. The remainder of this section is effective August 1, 2025.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.777, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Mapped trails.** (a) Except as provided in sections 84.926 and 84.928, after completion of official department off-highway vehicle maps for the area, a person must not operate an off-highway vehicle on state land that is not mapped for the type of off-highway vehicle. ~~This paragraph does not apply to state forest land north of U.S. Highway 2 until after June 30, 2009.~~

~~(b) This subdivision does not apply to a forest access route in a managed forest north of U.S. Highway 2 that the commissioner has not designated as a road or trail. Forest access routes will not be signed or maintained and will not be included on published user maps of the forest. Off-highway vehicle operation on forest access routes is subject to the prohibitions on causing erosion, rutting, damage to trees or crops, and construction of unauthorized trails contained in Minnesota Rules. Damaged routes are subject to closure to off-highway vehicle use.~~

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2025.

Sec. 3. **[84.7775] STATE AND GRANT-IN-AID TRAIL PLANNING REQUIREMENTS.**

When planning for a state or grant-in-aid off-highway vehicle trail or route, the commissioner of natural resources or county board must:

(1) provide written notice to any city, county, township, or road authority where the trail or route may be located before initiating the planning process; and

(2) consult with and include as part of the planning process any city, county, township, or road authority where the trail or route is located.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment."

Page 2, after line 28, insert:

3.1 "Sec. 6. **CONFORMING CHANGES TO RULE; FOREST CLASSIFICATIONS.**

3.2 The commissioner of natural resources must amend Minnesota Rules, part 6100.1950,
3.3 to provide that, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 84.777, subdivision 1, use
3.4 of off-highway vehicles is prohibited on state land administered by the commissioner of
3.5 natural resources and on county-administered forest land within the boundaries of a state
3.6 forest, except as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 84.777.

3.7 Sec. 7. **REPEALER.**

3.8 (a) Laws 2003, chapter 128, article 1, section 167, subdivision 1, as amended by Laws
3.9 2005, First Special Session chapter 1, article 2, section 152, Laws 2007, chapter 57, article
3.10 1, section 155, is repealed.

3.11 (b) Minnesota Rules, part 6100.0500, subpart 8d, is repealed.

3.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2025."

3.13 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

3.14 Amend the title accordingly