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Overview

Contains a number of sections that streamline DNR administrative procedures for land transactions, and to modernize timber sales and forest planning.

Section

- 1** Authorizes the commissioner of natural resources to reimburse appraisal costs to donors of land or interests in land.
- 2** Allows the commissioner to acquire land or interests in land (e. g., road easements) outside the boundaries of a state park when the interests are necessary for the operation of the park.
- 3** Clarifies that the list of forest management services offered under statute to private landowners includes providing tree planting equipment and written forest management plans.
- 4 to 8** Amends various provisions in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 90, to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the state's timber sales program, and provide for third-party forest management certification.
- 9** Expands the minerals covered under the exploratory borings law, which requires the appropriate abandonment of exploration drill holes for groundwater protection.
- 10** Repeals Minnesota Statutes, section 89.011, subdivisions 1 to 3 and 6, which relate to old forest resource planning requirements.