DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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This is a redraft of 2003 LRB-4543/3. The draft contains some minor changes, principally in the analysis and in s. 23.114, as created in the draft, for purposes of clarity. Please review the draft in its entirety to ensure that it is consistent with your intent.

As I explained in last session's drafter's note, the terms "state forest" and "state forest lands" are not used consistently throughout the statutes. Consequently, it is unclear to me whether a reference in the statutes to "state forests" means the same thing as a reference to "state forest lands". I have not attempted to address this inconsistency throughout the statutes because I am unable to know with certainty the intent of each reference. I have, however, assumed for the purposes of this draft that you intended the draft to cover all state forest lands and not only those state forests designated by DNR. I recommend that you have someone at DNR review this draft to ensure that the changes to current law made in the draft, specifically the broadening of the scope of s. 28.03 (2), do not result in unintended consequences.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions concerning this draft.

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