

# 2017 BY THE NUMBERS

**m** DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES



## Minnesota Department of Natural Resources 2017 by the Numbers

### Mission

*Our mission is to work with citizens to conserve and manage the state's natural resources, to provide outdoor recreation opportunities, and to provide for commercial uses of natural resources in a way that creates a sustainable quality of life.*

### Minnesota has

- 17.4 million acres of forests
- 235,000 acres of native prairie and 6.2 million acres of other grassland
- 10.6 million acres of wetlands
- 5.7 million acres of peatlands
- 3.4 million acres of public water lakes (excluding Lake Superior)
- 85,000 miles of streams, rivers and altered water courses
- 1.7 million anglers, hunters and trappers
- **810,000 registered boats**
- 216,000 registered snowmobiles and 276,000 registered all-terrain vehicles (ATV's)
- 9.4 million state park and recreation area visitors

### Land owned by the State of Minnesota and administered by the DNR

Minnesota has approximately 51 million total land acres. The DNR administers 5.6 million acres of state land, or about 11% of Minnesota's total land area (see table below).

DNR Division	Land Acres Administered
Forestry*	4,230,000 acres
Fish & Wildlife*	1,282,000 acres
Parks & Trails*	255,000 acres
Ecological & Water Resources*	186,000 acres
DNR Unspecified (St. Louis River corridor)	24,000 acres
Lands & Minerals	4,000 acres

\* There are approximately 383,000 acres of overlapping management units where the DNR manages for multiple objectives and land management is coordinated among divisions.

### Public Lands and Recreational Facilities Administered by the DNR

- 59 state forests
- 1.3 million acres of wildlife management areas
- 191,000 acres of scientific and natural areas
- 232,000 acres of state park, state recreation areas and state waysides
- 45,000 acres of aquatic management areas