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Pike Appointed to the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission

Crow Wing County Natural Resource Manager, Bryan Pike has been appointed by Governor Mark Dayton to the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission. Pike, who has over 25 years of resource management experience in Crow Wing County, will represent District 2, which includes northwestern Minnesota and extends down into Crow Wing County.

“The Greater Minnesota Regional Parks & Trails Commission will set the criteria and provide recommendations to the Governor and Legislative leaders for projects seeking financial investment from the Parks & Trail Legacy Fund, initiated by the Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment.” stated Pike

Al Lieffort, Park Superintendent of Douglas County and chair of the Greater Minnesota Regional Park & Trail Coalition, was also selected as a member of the commission, stated that “This unprecedented opportunity, provided by the voters of Minnesota, will result in a world class regional park and trail system throughout Minnesota that complements and links communities with a State Park & Trail system attracting people from around the world. People living in cities and towns across this State will have access to the “Best of the Best” as we plan and build this park & trail system.”

Crow Wing County manages 105,000 acres of forest land for timber production and diverse recreational opportunities for multiple users. The sale of timber at public auctions during the year funds the county’s management of these lands, while providing revenues to local communities. County forest lands are managed to strict environmental standards established by both the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and the Forest Stewardship Council certification standards.

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