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Minnesota Mississippi River Parkway Commission

56 33rd Avenue South, #283

St. Cloud, MN 56301

Re: Great River Road All-American Road Designation

Dear Sen. Senjem, Chair and Commission Members,

The Chippewa National Forest supports designation of the Minnesota Great River Road as an All-American Road by the Federal Highway Administration.

The Great River Road meets All-American Road designation criteria, possessing many and varied intrinsic resources that are of national significance. The Great River Road has importance for all communities along the river as evidenced in this nomination, guided by a Corridor Management Plan that meets FHWA requirements for All-American Road designation. The byway brings travelers to unique and exceptional landscapes and experiences including our forest lands, roads and visitor amenities.

The Chippewa National Forest was represented on the Project Advisory Team for the Minnesota Great River Road Corridor Management Plan; manages several resources listed on the Great River Road Plan Your Trip interactive map; stocks and distributes Minnesota Great River Road print maps; and provides a quintessential Northwoods experience along the byway. We look forward to continuing our partnership and role as implementation of the Corridor Management Plan continues.

The Chippewa National Forest heartily endorses Minnesota’s efforts, along with its partner states, to have the Great River Road designated as an All-American Road by the Federal Highway Administration.

Sincerely,