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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that an emergency
8 forest health situation exists in the Loomis state forest. Thousands
9 of acres of state trust lands are infested with insects and disease.
10 If this forest health problem is not addressed, the insect infestation
11 will accelerate, further damaging precious state trust resources and
12 possibly spreading to private lands. The current fragile state of the
13 diseased trees is also posing a large risk of catastrophic fire in the
14 Loomis forest and the surrounding area. The legislature finds it
15 necessary to initiate immediate action to rectify this dangerous
16 situation.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The department of natural resources shall
18 act expediently to resolve the forest health situation in the Loomis
19 state forest."

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23 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "forest;" strike the
24 remainder of the title and insert "and creating new sections."

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