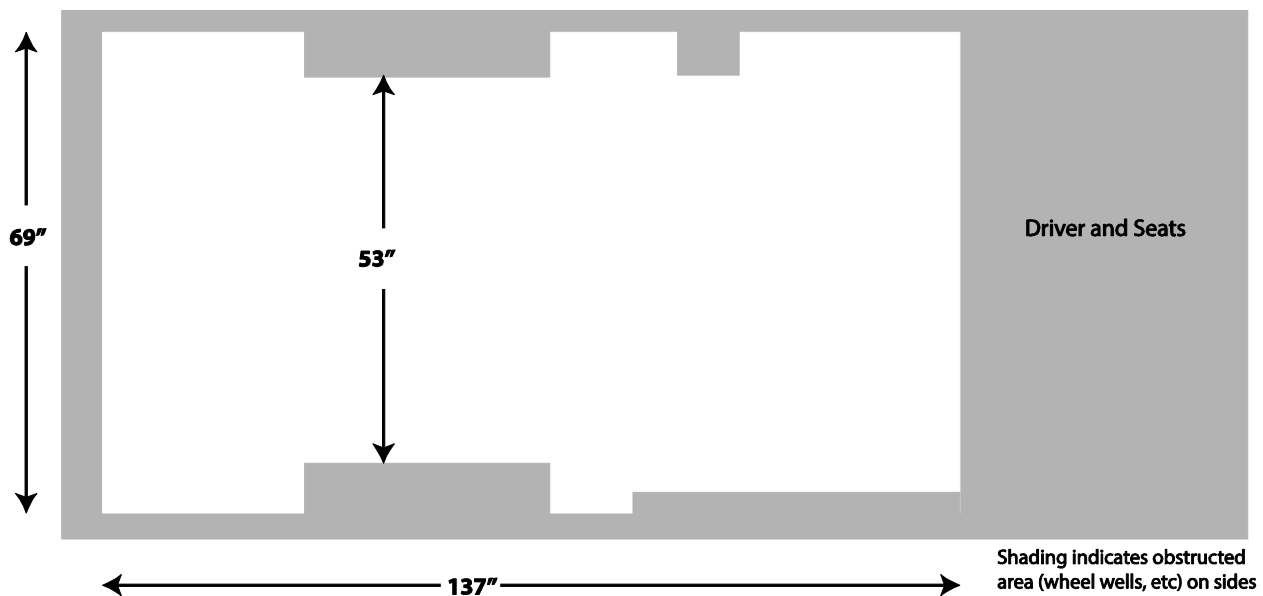## PACKING THE VAN

An extended length cargo van is the minimum size vehicle required to transport "Fur Trade in Minnesota. MNHS uses a 2012 Ford F250 Extended Length Cargo Van. The cargo area overall is approximately 69"W x 137"L x 5' T. Because of wheel wells and other obstructions, the available flat floor space is approx 53" x 132"

Exhibits must be transported in a covered, watertight and clean vehicle. For example, a pickup truck with a hard sealed topper is acceptable. A pickup truck with a tarp is not. (Note Fur Trade in Minnesota will not fit in a pickup truck).

This plan shows the approximate cargo dimensions of the Ford F250 Extended Length Cargo Van. The gray areas indicate wheel wells, the door and other interior obstructions.

69"
53"
Driver and Seats
137"
Shading indicates obstructed area (wheel wells, etc) on sides

Please cover the floor of the vehicle with Masonite, plywood, or clean cardboard to protect the exhibits.

See the information on the following pages for how to pack and stack the exhibit crates.

Packing blankets and ratchet straps are provided and shown in the photos. Please use packing blankets to protect the exhibits, especially the pine display crates, from excessive wear. The floor of the vehicle should be covered with Masonite, plywood, or clean cardboard to protect the exhibits.

Loading Order

- Start with the crates behind the seats
- Add the crates along the left wall
- Add the tables
- Blanket the crates as you place them
- Add remaining crates on first tier
- Move onto second tier

Diagram 1: Crates packed on the floor of the van.

69"

137"

| Table 96" |
| Table 72" |
| Table 24" | Table 24" |
| Table 24" | Table 24" |

MNFT G Hat Vitrine

MNFT A Cube Crate

MNFT B Cube Crate

MNFT E All for a Hat

Driver and Seats

MNFT 21 11 x 24 crate

MNFT H Rifle

MNFT 20 16 x 24 crate

MNFT 18 16 x 24 crate

MNFT 23 16 x 24 crate

MNFT D Lift the Pack

MNFT C My First Year

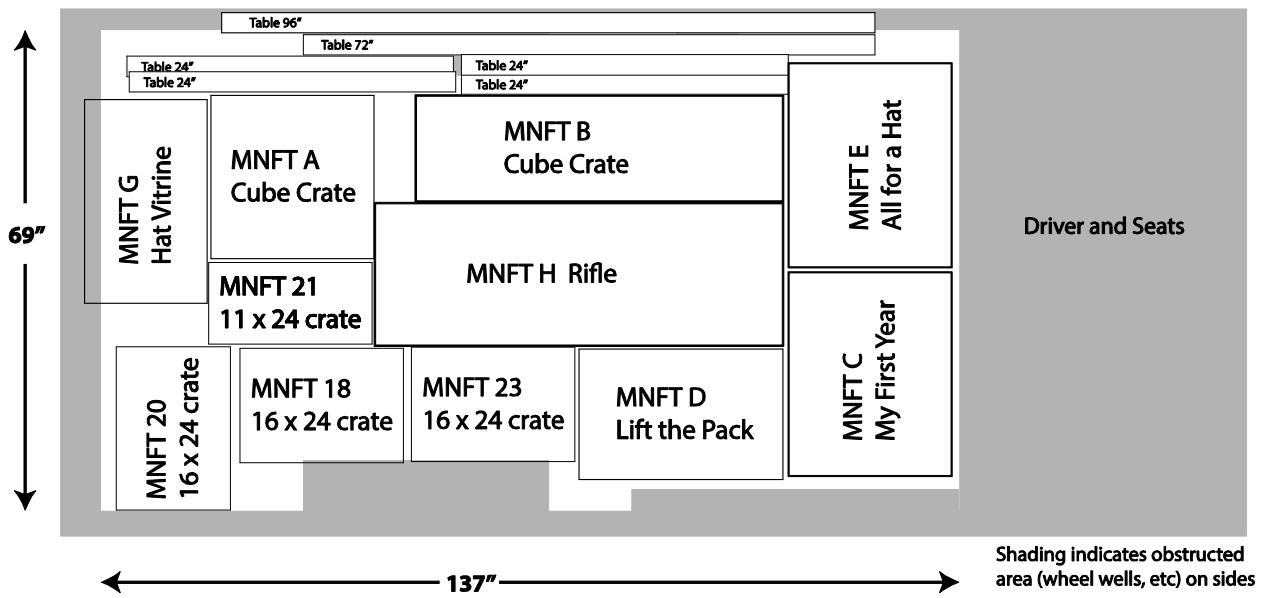Shading indicates obstructed area (wheel wells, etc) on sides

Diagram 2: Second layer of crates and materials, with packing blankets

✳ **Crate MNFT=G, The Beaver Hat Vitrine, is fragile.** Please ensure the beaver hat vitrine is well positioned, padded, and protected from things falling on it, the door slamming on it, etc. Do not kneel on the crate or set things on top. Please identify as FRAGILE (write on the blanket or add a sign) so the unloaders are aware.

Shading indicates obstructed area on sides

Crate MNFT=G Hat Vitrine

MNFT 22 11 x 24 crate

MNFT F Snowshoes

MNFT 27 16 x 24 crate

MNFT 25 14 x 16 crt

MNFT 24 14 x 16 crt

Driver and Seats

Dollies, straps Here

MNFT 19 11 x 24 crate

MNFT 26 11 x 24 crate