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SUBMITTED: February 8, 2010  
RESUBMITTED: March 8, 2010

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission  
Subject: Closure of Certain Forest Roads, Gladwin County  
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 03 of 2010

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), authorizes the Director to issue orders to implement land use rules.

Discussion and Background:

Following discussion at the Compartment Review, Gladwin Management Unit staff is recommending the closure of forest roads located in the SE1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 13, and the NW1/4 of the SE1/4 and the NE1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 24, T18N, R01E, Hay Township, Gladwin County. The roads must be closed for the following reasons:

Illegal ORV use on the road in Section 13, is causing damage to soils, riparian zones, and is contributing to run-off into the Molasses River. Closure of the road will still allow nonmotorized access to this area and provide road-less conditions to improve wildlife habitat. This area also serves as a bio-reserve and the closure of the roads in Section 24 will improve wildlife openings, which will assist in achieving wildlife population goals. In addition, the closure will assist in stopping illegal ORV use and trash dumping that is occurring in this area. Staff recommendations are to close the roads utilizing existing gates that are already in place.

Gladwin Management Unit staff is also recommending the closure of a forest road located in the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 2, T20N, R02W, Sherman Township, Gladwin County. The road must be closed for the following reasons:

This road provides access through a 160-acre parcel acquired by the Department two years ago. The road was fenced off at the boundary when this parcel was acquired and is presently gated. Closure of the road will assist in preventing illegal trash dumping, illegal ORV use, poaching, timber theft, and vandalism. The public can continue to access this area from other forest roads. Staff recommendations are to close the road utilizing an existing gate that is already in place.

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The Northern Lower Peninsula (NLP) Ecoteam has been informed of the immediate need for these road closures. The closures have been reviewed and are supported by the NLP Ecoteam.

Recommendation:

This order was submitted for information on March 4, 2010, at the Natural Resources Commission Meeting. This item appeared on the Department's Business Calendar dated January 25, 2010, and may be eligible for approval on April 8, 2010.

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# LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

## Amendment No. 03 of 2010

By authority conferred on the Director of the Department of Natural Resources & Environment by section 504 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.504, and pursuant to R 299.671 and R 299.921 of the Michigan Administrative Code, it is ordered that the following order of the Land Use Orders of the Director shall read as follows:

### **4.19a Certain state-owned lands, Gladwin county, motorized vehicles, motorized vessels, ride a horse, bicycles, camping, prohibited conduct.**

Order 4.19a (1) A person shall not operate a wheeled motorized vehicle on state-owned lands within sections 3-10, and 16-18, T20N R2W, Gladwin county, at a speed in excess of 15 mph within designated campgrounds or in excess of 25 mph outside of designated campgrounds.

(2) A person shall not launch a motorized vessel upon House lake within section 8, T20N R2W, nor upon Trout lake or Hoister lake within sections 8 and 9, T20N R2W, Gladwin county, unless the vessel is powered exclusively by electric motor.

(3) A person shall not operate a wheeled motorized vehicle upon the following described state-owned lands, Gladwin county:

(a) North of the Molasses river within sections 27 and 28, or within the NW1/4 or the N1/2 of the SW1/4 of section 27, T18N R2E.

(b) Within sections 3 and 10, T18N R1E, and within section 34, T19N R1E, from January 16 to September 14.

(c) Within the SE1/4 of the NE1/4 of section 13 and the NW1/4 of the SE1/4 and the NE1/4 of the SW1/4 OF section 24, T18N R01E.

(d) Within the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 of section 2, T20N R02W.

(4) A person shall not do any of the following on state-owned lands of the Gladwin field trial area, being all or portions of sections 3-10, T20N R2W, Gladwin county:

(a) Ride a horse on the area, including roads and trails, unless designated open to horseback use or specifically associated with a department authorized field dog trial event or activity.

(b) Operate a bicycle of any kind on the area, including roads and trails, unless designated open to bicycle use.

(c) Operate a motorized vehicle on any forest trail or road within the above specified location that has been closed by berms, gates, or formal posting.

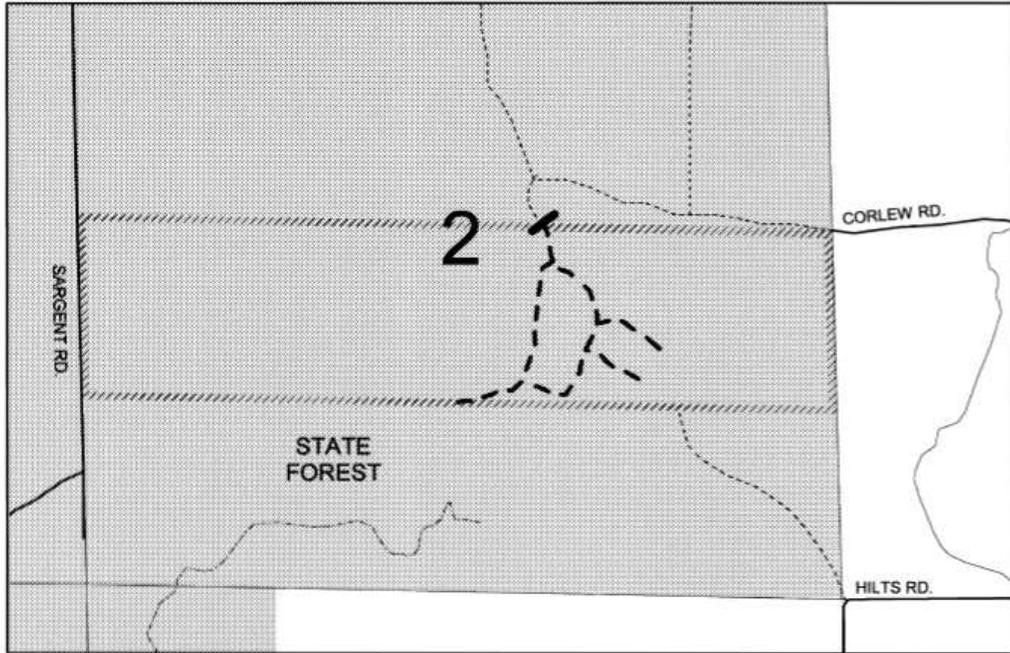
(d) Camp from April 1 through October 31 except in a designated campground.

This amended order shall be posted on or after April 9, 2010.

Issued on this 8th day of April, 2010.

Rebecca A. Humphries  
Director

**PROPOSED FOREST ROAD CLOSURE**  
 Land Use Order of the Director, Amendment No. \_\_\_ of 2010  
 Gladwin Forest Management Unit - Gladwin County  
 Compartment No. 26, T20N, R02W, Section 2  
 (Map 1 of 3)

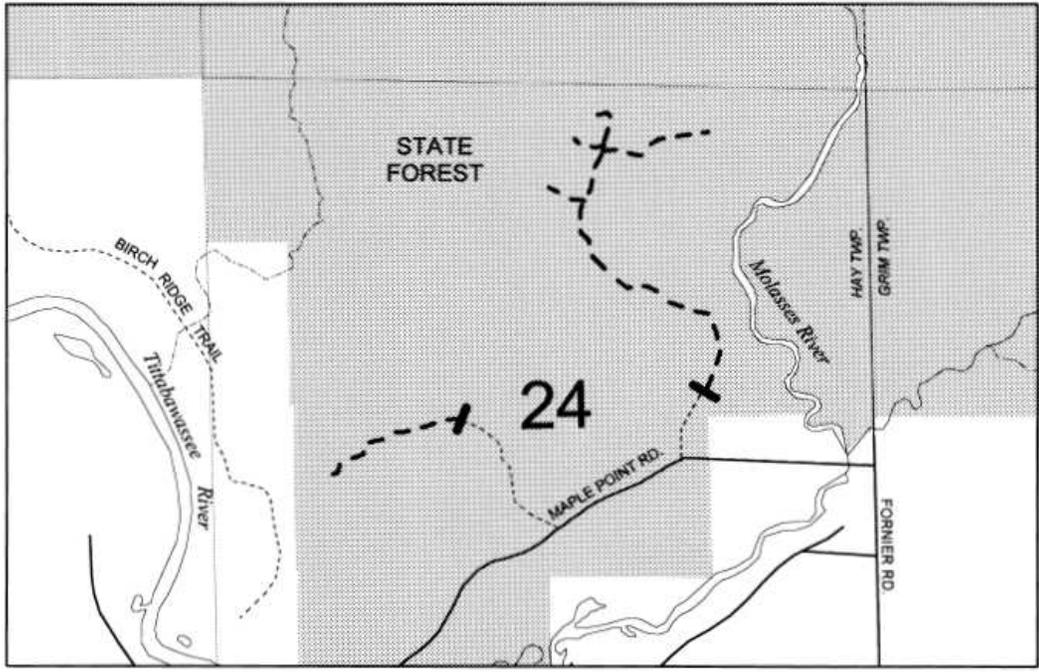


-  Existing gate
-  Proposed roads to be closed
-  Stillwagon property purchased in 2008
-  Forest road
-  County road
-  State land
-  Private land



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 Gladwin Forest Management Unit - Gladwin County  
 Compartment No. 70, T18N, R01E, Section 24  
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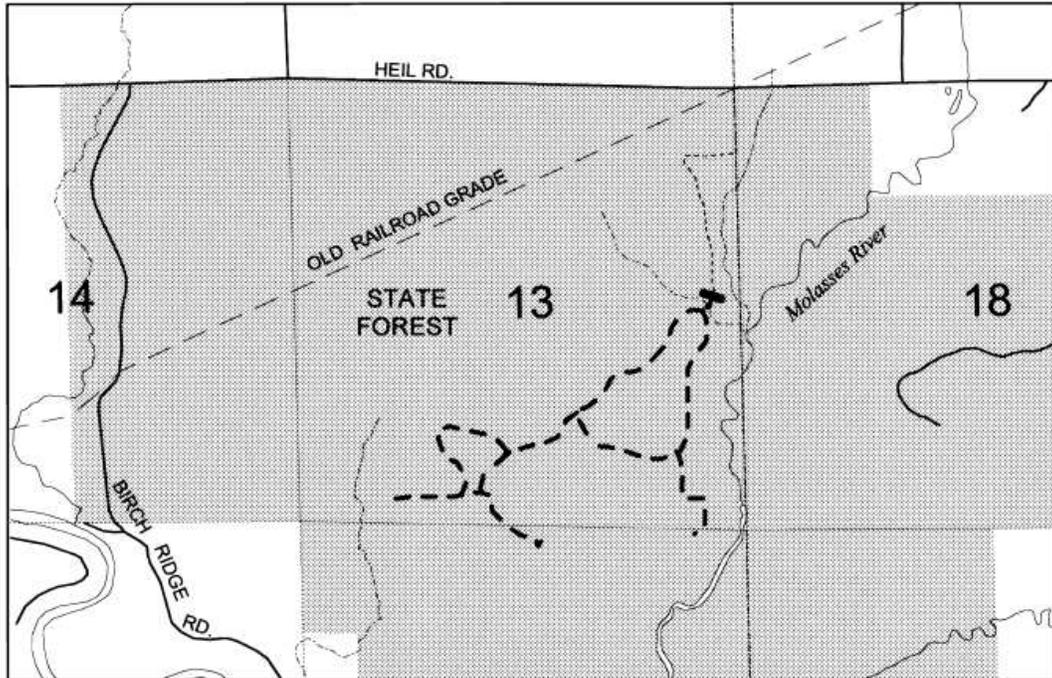


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**PROPOSED FOREST ROAD CLOSURE**  
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 Gladwin Forest Management Unit - Gladwin County  
 Compartment No. 64, T18N, R01E, Section 13  
 (Map 3 of 3)



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