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RESUBMITTED: April 6, 2009

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

SUBJECT: Order to Regulate Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Use at Twin Lakes State Park
and Baraga State Park - Houghton and Baraga Counties
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 5 of 2009

Authority:

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

Discussion and Background:

This amendment to the Land Use Orders of the Director is to legalize and limit the use of ORVs in Baraga and Twin Lakes State Parks. Both of these units are somewhat under-utilized and are suitable locations to allow for better ORV trail access.

At Twin Lakes State Park, the Bill Nicholls trail runs across the street. At Baraga State Park, designated ORV trails are a short distance down a county road which is open to ORVs. Our goal with this amendment is to offer a new recreational experience to ORV users and to increase camping and lodging nights at these two Upper Peninsula state parks, as well as to increase overall attendance. If successful, Baraga State Park has a location that could be developed as a parking area for day users to access the trails. We do not support or desire ORV "riding" in these facilities. We simply want to make it legal for park visitors to access the nearby trail networks via the park's roads. Additionally, the requirement for a state park motor vehicle permit for these licensed ORVs should be waived, as authorized in statute. In addition, this order has been reviewed and approved by the Recreation and Trails Section of the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division.

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Recommendation:

This order was submitted for information and consideration at the April 2, 2009 Natural Resources Commission meeting. This item appeared on the Department's March 23 and April 27, 2009 calendar, and is being submitted for action at the May 7, 2009 Natural Resources Commission meeting.



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LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Amendment No. 5 of 2009

By authority conferred on the Director of the Department of Natural Resources 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:

Chapter V –State Parks and Recreation Areas

5.16 Entry, use and occupancy of certain state parks recreation areas and scenic sites, motor vehicle permit requirement.

Order 5.16. A person shall not do any of the following:

(1) Enter any of the following state-owned lands with a motor vehicle, unless a valid Michigan state park motor vehicle permit has been purchased and affixed to the vehicle windshield in accordance with the printed instructions on the permit:

- (a) Agate falls scenic site, Ontonagon county.
- (b) Algonac SP, St. Clair county.
- (c) Aloha SP, Cheboygan county.
- (d) Bald mountain RA, Oakland county.
- (e) Baraga SP, except off-road recreation vehicles regulated under Part 811 of 1994 PA 451, Baraga County.
- (f) Bass river RA, recreation area lands located in sections 1 and 12, T7N, R15W, in Robinson township; and in sections 7 and 8, T7N, R14W in Allendale township north and west of bass river and SW of grand river, Ottawa county.
- (g) Bay city RA, Bay county.
- (h) Bewabic SP, Iron county.
- (i) Bond falls scenic site, Ontonagon county.
- (j) Brighton RA, Livingston county.
- (k) Brimley SP, Chippewa county.
- (l) Burt lake SP, Cheboygan county.
- (m) Cheboygan SP, Cheboygan county.
- (n) Clear lake SP, Montmorency county.
- (o) Craig lake SP, all state park designated lands located in sections 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 28, 27, 26, 25, 21, 22, 23 and 24, T49N, R31W, Baraga county.
- (p) Dodge #4 SP, Oakland county.
- (q) Duck lake SP, Muskegon county.
- (r) Fayette SP, Delta county.

- (s) Fort Custer RA, Kalamazoo county.
- (t) Fort Wilkins SP, Keweenaw county.
- (u) Fisherman's island SP, Charlevoix county.
- (v) Grand haven SP, Ottawa county.
- (w) Grand Mere SP, Berrien county.
- (x) Harrisville SP, Alcona county.
- (y) Hartwick pines SP, Crawford county.
- (z) Hayes SP, Jackson, Lenawee, and Washtenaw counties.
- (aa) Highland RA, Oakland county.
- (bb) Hoeft SP, Presque isle county
- (cc) Hoffmaster SP, Ottawa and Muskegon counties.
- (dd) Holland SP, Ottawa county.
- (ee) Holly RA, Oakland county, all recreation area land in sections 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 32, and 33 T5N, R8E north and east of highway M-54 (Dixie highway), west of Wildwood road and south of grange hall road. Recreation area land in sections 13, 14, 23, 24, 25 (remote control aircraft flying field only) and 26 (north of grange hall road only), T5N, R7E west of I-75.
- (ff) Indian lake SP, Schoolcraft county.
- (gg) Interlochen SP, Grand Traverse county.
- (hh) Ionia RA, Ionia county.
- (ii) Island lake RA, Oakland and Livingston counties.
- (jj) Lake Gogebic SP, Gogebic county.
- (kk) Lake Hudson RA, Lenawee county.
- (ll) Lakeport SP, St. Clair county.
- (mm) Laughing whitefish falls scenic site, Alger county.
- (nn) Leelanau SP, Leelanau county.
- (oo) Ludington SP, Mason county.
- (pp) Maybury SP, Wayne county.
- (qq) McLain SP, Houghton county.
- (rr) Mears SP, Oceana county.
- (ss) Metamora-Hadley RA, Lapeer county.

(tt) Mitchell SP, Wexford county.

(uu) Muskallonge lake SP, Luce county.

(vv) Muskegon SP, Muskegon county.

(ww) Newaygo SP, Newaygo county.

(xx) Negwegon SP, Alcona and Alpena counties.

(yy) North Higgins lake SP, Crawford county.

(zz) Onaway SP, Presque isle county.

(aaa) Orchard beach SP, Manistee county.

(bbb) Ortonville RA, Oakland and Lapeer counties.

(ccc) Otsego lake SP, Otsego county.

(ddd) Palms book SP, Schoolcraft county.

(eee) Petoskey SP, Emmet county.

(fff) Pinckney RA, Washtenaw and Livingston counties.

(ggg) Pontiac lake RA, Oakland county.

(hhh) Porcupine mountains wilderness SP, Ontonagon and Gogebic counties.

(iii) Port crescent SP, Huron county.

(jjj) Proud lake RA, Oakland county.

(kkk) Rifle river RA, Ogemaw county.

(lll) Saugatuck SP, Allegan county.

(mmm) Seven lakes SP, Oakland county.

(nnn) Silver lake SP, Oceana county.

(ooo) Sleeper SP, Huron county.

(ppp) Sleepy Hollow SP, Clinton county.

(qqq) South Higgins lake SP, Roscommon county.

(rrr) Sterling SP, Monroe county.

(sss) Straits SP, Mackinac county.

(ttt) Tahquamenon falls SP, Luce and Chippewa counties.

(uuu) Tawas point SP, Iosco county.

(vvv) Thompson's harbor SP, Presque isle county.

- (www) Tippy dam RA, Manistee county.
- (xxx) Traverse city SP, Grand Traverse county.
- (yyy) Twin lakes SP, except vehicles regulated under part 811 of 1994 PA 451, Houghton county.
- (zzz) Van Buren SP, Van Buren county.
- (aaaa) Van ripper SP, Marquette county.
- (bbbb) Wagner falls scenic site, Alger county.
- (cccc) Warren dunes SP, Berrien county.
- (dddd) Warren woods SP, Berrien county.
- (eeee) Waterloo RA, lands in Jackson and Washtenaw counties, with the exception of section 2, 3, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, T1S, R2E, Jackson county.
- (ffff) Wells SP, Menominee county.
- (gggg) Wetzal RA, Macomb county .
- (hhhh) Wilderness SP, Emmet county.
- (iiii) Wilson SP, Clare county.
- (jjjj) Yankee springs RA, Barry county.
- (kkkk) Young SP, Charlevoix county.

5.17 Off road vehicles in Twin lakes SP, Houghton county, and Baraga SP, Baraga county; conditions for use, permit, prohibited conduct.

Order 5.17. A person shall not operate an off road vehicle in Twin Lakes and Baraga sp, except for the following:

- (1) Entrance to and departure from a designated area.

This amended order shall be posted on or after May 8, 2009.

Issued on this 7th day of May, 2009.

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Director