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Memorandum to Director

Subject: Order to Regulate Use of Algonac State Park

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:

Algonac State Park is requesting that campers park their recreational camping unit(s) perpendicular to the road and that trailers be backed onto lots. A similar Land Use Order is in effect at Grand Haven State Park. The rule benefits the majority of campers and the preservation of the facilities resource. The perpendicular parking requirement allows the greatest opportunity for river and freighter viewing by campers not occupying the front row of campsites. Additionally, campers who have not parked their recreational camping unit(s) perpendicularly have often become trapped due to the placement of adjacent recreational camping units. The same rationale applies to the backing of trailers onto a campsite rather than pulling it through.

Although pulling onto a lot can be accomplished, doing so often requires driving on another campsite for access or egress. Trailers often cannot depart without making ruts in the clay soil. These ruts become a public safety issue, as well as degrade the overall value of the campsites.

Recommendation:

This order was submitted for information and consideration at the June 10, 2007 Natural Resources Commission meeting, and is being resubmitted for action and approval at the July 12, 2007 Natural Resources Commission meeting to take immediate effect.

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LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Amendment No 10 of 2007

By authority conferred on the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by Section 504 of Act No. 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, as amended, being section 324.504 of the Michigan Compiled Laws and in accordance with R 299.671 and R 299.922 of the Michigan Administrative Code, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources orders that the following order of the Land Use Orders of the Director shall read as follows:

Chapter V –State Parks and Recreation Areas

5.12 Certain state parks and recreation areas, requirements for use, certain conduct prohibited.

Order 5.12. The following conduct shall apply to use of Michigan state parks and recreation areas:

Fayette state park, certain conduct prohibited.

(1) A person shall not do the following at Fayette SP located in Delta county:

(a) Dive, swim, water ski, skin or scuba dive, or attempt to dive, swim, water ski, skin or scuba dive from any vessel operating within or moored to the docks or piling or anchored to the bottomlands of snail shell harbor, Fayette SP, Delta county, without written permission of an authorized representative of the department.

Repealed, section (2), Am. 7, 2005, Eff. Aug. 11, 2005.

Publisher's Note: This repealed section pertained to Hart-Montague bicycle trail state park, Kal-Haven trail state park, Lakelands trail state park, White pine trail state park and Van buren SP rail trail requirements for use, prohibited conduct.

Palms book state park, prohibited conduct.

(3) A person shall not do any of the following at palms book SP:

(a) Swim, bathe, skin or scuba dive, fish, or boat in the big spring, Kitchitikiipi, palms book SP.

(b) Use the department owned raft on the big spring for anything other than viewing.

Island lake recreation area, conduct prohibited.

(4) A person shall not do the following at the island lake RA:

(a) Operate a vessel powered by a motor on the waters of spring mill pond.

Sterling state park, conduct prohibited.

(5) A person shall not do the following at Sterling SP:

(a) Launch or attempt to launch a vessel equipped with an inboard or outboard motor, except an electric motor, into the waters of the south lagoon from any state-owned lands lying south of the centerline of the park entrance road.

Pontiac lake recreation area, prohibited conduct.

(6) A person shall not do any of the following at the Pontiac lake RA:

(a) Possess or fly a hang glider on any state-owned lands within the Pontiac lake RA.

(b) Enter into a pen area or buffer zone around a pen area established by the department from June 10 to July 15 for the temporary holding of geese. This prohibition shall not apply to a person issued a written permit by the district wildlife supervisor allowing entry into the area.

Ludington state park, prohibited conduct.

(7) A person shall not do the following at Ludington SP:

(a) Park a vehicle of any type between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. in the parking areas adjacent to highway M-116 from the south limit of the park to the bridge over big sable river.

South Higgins lake state park, prohibited conduct.

(8) A person shall not do the following at south Higgins lake SP:

(a) Park or leave a motor vehicle in the day use area of south Higgins lake SP between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. without written permission from a representative of the department.

(b) Leave a trailer unattached to a vehicle in the boat launch parking lot.

Pinckney recreation area, prohibited conduct.

(9) A person shall not do the following at the Pinckney RA:

(a) Use any state-owned lands in the S ½ of the S ½ of section 23, T1S R3E, for the purpose of launching or attempting to launch onto the waters of island lake, any watercraft equipped with an inboard or outboard motor.

(b) Consume or possess any alcoholic beverage within ¼ mile surrounding and including the parking lot at Pickerel lake, Section 8, T1S R4E, as posted.

(c) Launch or attempt to launch a vessel equipped with an inboard or outboard motor, except an electric motor, onto the waters of Pickerel lake, Section 8, T1S R4E.

Silver lake state park, prohibited conduct.

(10) A person shall not do any of the following within silver lake SP without first obtaining proper written permission from the department:

(a) Store, leave, park or otherwise place any boat, fish shanty, vehicle, bicycle, equipment, tool, device or other property which is at any time during its presence in the park made available for rent, lease, or sale.

(b) Use or occupy any land or water within the park to solicit, conduct, operate, engage in, or maintain a business of any nature or use such areas as a base of commercial operations. For purposes of this order, "base of operations" means a use of lands or waters which is a principal or significant aspect of any commercial activity.

Porcupine mountains wilderness state park, prohibited conduct.

(11) A person shall not do any of the following in the Porcupine mountains wilderness SP without first obtaining proper written permission from the department:

(a) Feed a bear or lure any bear with food. This provision does not apply to the lawful baiting of bear as described in orders issued pursuant to part 401, wildlife conservation, of Act 451 of 1994.

Waterloo recreation area, prohibited conduct.

(12) A person shall not do the following at the Waterloo RA:

(a) Enter into a pen area or buffer zone around a pen area established by the department from June 10 to July 15 for the temporary holding of geese. This prohibition shall not apply to a person issued a written permit by the district wildlife supervisor allowing entry into the area.

Fort Custer recreation area, prohibited conduct.

(13) A person shall not do the following at the fort Custer RA:

- (a) Excavate, dig or probe the grounds, or remove ordnance without written permission.

Repealed, section (14), Am. 7, 2005, Eff. Aug. 11, 2005.

Publisher's Note: This repealed section pertained to MCCC camp Proud lake residential camp, Proud lake RA, prohibited conduct.

Grand Haven state park campground, prohibited conduct.

(15) A person shall not place or allow a recreational camping unit under their control to be placed front-first upon a campsite in the Grand Haven SP campground. The tongue of a trailer or front of a self-propelled camping unit shall face the roadway.

Holland state park, prohibited conduct.

(16) A person shall not possess or use furniture designed or intended for indoor use within Holland SP from May 15 to July 15 unless the furniture is enclosed within a camping shelter. Furniture that is designed or intended for indoor use and is placed outside of a camping shelter may be removed at the discretion of the park manager.

Sanilac petroglyphs historic state park, prohibited conduct.

(17) A person shall not do any of the following at the Sanilac petroglyphs historic SP:

- (a) Enter into the fenced area containing the petroglyph rock when the entry gate is closed.
- (b) Walk upon or otherwise come into contact with the petroglyph rock within the fenced area.

Ionia state recreation area campground, prohibited conduct.

(18) A person that has been issued a campsite permit shall not possess or allow to be possessed upon the campsite more than 4 animals other than horses by all members of the camping party combined.

Algonac state park campground, prohibited conduct.

(19) A person shall not place or allow a recreational camping unit under their control to be positioned horizontal to the park's roadways in the riverfront campground. The tongue of a trailer, or front or rear of a self-propelled camping unit, shall face the park's roadway and all recreational camping units must be parked on pads where they exist.

This amended order shall be posted on or after July 13, 2007.

Issued on this 12th day of July, 2007.

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Director