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STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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DIRECTOR

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Memorandum to the Director:

Subject: Order to Amend the Use of Lands in the Pigeon River Country, Cheboygan, Otsego and Montmorency Counties – FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Authority:

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

Discussion and Background:

In the updated “A Concept of Management for the Pigeon River Country”, the use of snowmobiles is restricted to open forest roads and those county roads open for such use in the Pigeon River Country.

Section 4.34, of the Land Use Order of the Director, needs to be amended to provide for this closure of the Pigeon River Country to most snowmobile use and to be brought into agreement with the updated Concept of Management for the Pigeon River Country.

The attached Amendment No. 20 of 2007 to the Land Use Orders of the Director provides the necessary changes including a modification of the description of the lands contained within the Pigeon River Country. This modified description of lands is in agreement with the revised boundary of the Pigeon River as contained in the updated Concept of Management.

Recommendation:

This order is being submitted for information and consideration. This item will be submitted for final action on December 6, 2007.

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LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Amendment No. 20 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:

4.34 Pigeon river country state forest. Cheboygan, Montmorency and Otsego counties, defined; prohibited conduct.

Order 4.34. For the purposes of this order, the pigeon river country state forest shall mean those lands in sections 1-26, the N ½ and the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ and the N ½ of the SW ¼ of section 27, the N ¾ of section 28, the N ¾ and the SW ¼ of the SW ¼ of section 29, sections 30 and 31, the W ½ of the NW ¼ of section 32, sections 35 and 36, T33N R1E; sections 1-36, T33N R1W; sections 19-21, W ½ of section 22, N ½ of the NW ¼ of section 27, sections 28-33, that part of section 34 SW'ly of Centerline Rd., T34N R1E; sections 19-36, T34N R1W; W ½ of the NW ¼ and the NW ¼ of the SW ¼ of section 5, section 6 except the SE ¼ of the SE ¼, section 7 except the NE ¼ of the NE ¼, the W ½ of the SW ¼ and the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of section 8, the W ¼ of section 17, sections 18 and 19, that part of section 20 West and South of Blue Lakes Rd. and N'ly and NW'ly of Black River, the part of section 30 N'ly of Hardwood Creek and W'ly of Black River, the S ¼ of section 31, T32N R1E; sections 1-6, the N ½ and the SE ¼ North of Deer Trail of section 7, sections 8-17, sections 20 and 21, the W ¾ of section 22, the SW ¼ and the S ½ of the SE ¼ and the S ½ of the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of section 25, section 26 except the NE ¼ of the NE ¼, the N ½ and the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of section 27, the N ¾ of section 28, sections 29 and 30, the E ½ of the NE ¼ of section 35, section 36 except the W ½ of the SW ¼, T31N R1W; section 1 except the S ½ of the SW ¼, T31N R2W; sections 1-36, T32N R1W; sections 1-5, section 8, the N ¾ of section 9, sections 10-15, the SE ¼ and the S ½ of the SW ¼ and the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of section 16, the S ½ of the SE ¼ of section 17, the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of section 19, section 20, section 21 except the SE ¼ South of E. Sturgeon Valley Rd., section 22 except the SW ¼ South of the E. Sturgeon Valley Rd., section 24, the E ½ of the NE ¼ and the N ½ of the SE ¼ and the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ and the E ½ of the SW ¼ of section 29, the S ¾ of the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ and the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ except the N 165 ft. East of the thread of Pigeon River and the E 940 ft. of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of section 36, T32N R2W; Cheboygan, Montmorency and Otsego counties. The following regulations shall apply to state-owned lands of the pigeon river country state forest.

Wheeled motorized vehicles; conditions for use.

(1) Except as otherwise prohibited in (2) of this order, a person may operate a wheeled motorized vehicle only if both of the following conditions are met:

(a) The vehicle is currently registered under the Michigan Vehicle Code, 1949 PA 300.

(b) The vehicle is operated on a state forest road designated and illustrated as open in the pigeon river country state forest access map.

Motorized vehicles prohibited, green timbers management unit.

(2) A person shall not operate a motorized vehicle of any type upon state-owned lands lying within the W½ of section 3, sections 4, 5, 8-10, 15-17 and 19-22, and that part of section 29 lying northerly of the sturgeon valley road, T32N R2W, commonly known as the green timbers management unit.

Camping with horses, other riding animals, or pack animals.

(3) A person shall not camp with horses or other riding or pack animals except at those locations designated and posted for such purposes. When camping at a designated location, a person shall not do any of the following:

(a) Establish more than 2 camps at 1 designated location.

(b) Establish a corral without written permission of the department.

(c) Leave hay, straw and similar debris without carrying it away or dispersing it from the camping location.

Horses, riding animals and pack animals, use restricted to dedicated roads and pathways in certain locations.

(4) A person shall not ride or lead a horse, other riding animal, or pack animal within any of the following described locations, or allow such animal to use or travel within any of the following described locations, except upon a road or pathway dedicated and signed for such purposes:

(a) Sections 25, 26, 27, 35 and 36, T31N R1W.

(b) Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11, T32N R1W.

(c) Sections 26-28, and 33-35, T33N R1W.

Camping, use prohibited in certain locations.

(5) A person shall not camp within the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 22, and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 27, T33N R1W, and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 5, and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 20, T32N R2W.

Entry prohibited at a certain location.

(6) A person who does not have authorization from the department shall not enter upon those lands bounded on the south and east by Sturgeon Valley road, on the west by Pickerel Lake road, and on the north by the electrical transmission line, within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 24, T32N R2W.

Snowmobile operation; prohibited.

(7) (a) A person shall not operate a snowmobile except for otherwise lawful operation upon a county road or upon a forest road designated and illustrated as open on the pigeon river country state forest access map.