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SUBMITTED: May 16, 2011

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Closure of Certain Forest Roads, Gladwin County
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 04 of 2011
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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:

Gladwin Management Unit staff is recommending the closure of forest roads located in the SE1/4 of the SW1/4 and the W1/2 of the SE1/4 and the W1/2 of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 6 and the N1/2 of the NE1/4 of the NW1/4 and the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of Section 7 and the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 and the W1/2 of the SW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 18, T18N R2E, Grim Township, Gladwin County. The roads must be closed for the following reasons:

The roads in this area were created in order to access a timber sale and were closed and gated in 2003 when the timber activity was completed. The gates, as well as rocks and berms on both sides of each gate, were put in place to protect the Molasses River and to prevent motorized vehicles from driving through and across the river. The road closure and gates also protect the area from trash dumping and illegal ORV use. Staff recommendations are to formally close the roads and to continue to use the existing gates, berms, and rocks to prevent illegal access to the roads.

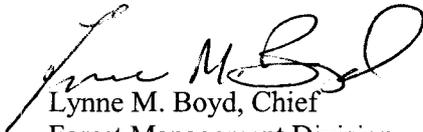
Gladwin Management Unit staff is also recommending the closure of forest roads located in the SE1/4 and the NE1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 22 and the W1/2 of the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 23 and the NW1/4 of Section 26, T20N R1E, Clement Township, Gladwin County. The roads must be closed for the following reasons:

The roads in this area were created to access timber sales and to maintain two wildlife openings. The road was developed longer than originally intended. Gates were installed in 2001 to prevent illegal trash dumping and resource damage resulting from illegal vehicle access; particularly where the road crosses two seasonally wet areas. The gates have also assisted in protecting the investment the state has made in establishing two wildlife openings by preventing illegal vehicle use. Staff recommendations are to formally close the roads and to continue to use the existing gates to prevent illegal access to the roads.

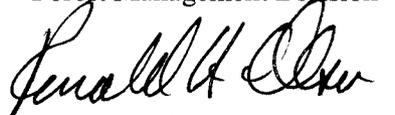
The Northern Lower Peninsula (NLP) Eco-Team has been informed of the need for these road closures. The closures have been reviewed and are supported by the NLP Eco-Team.

Recommendation:

This order is being submitted for information and consideration. This item appeared on the Department's June 2011 calendar and may be eligible for approval on July 7, 2011.

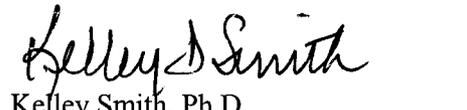

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FOREST ROAD/TRAIL CLOSURE REVIEW

Forest Management Unit Gladwin				Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 03/22/2010	Proposal Number
County Gladwin	Town T20N	Range R01E	Section 26	Subdivision NW, SE	Compartment No. 32 "Mohawk Trail"

See attached map			
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SCALE - 1 inch = chains. Indicate forest cover type, roads, trails, water, private and state ownership -

Prepared and submitted by

Name (please print) Katie Keen Signature Katie Keen Date 7/1/10

Comments:

This gate was installed in 2001. Road was created to access timber sales and maintain two wildlife openings that were behind the gate. The road was pushed farther and longer than originally intended. Due to the illegal trash dumping, the road crossing several seasonal drainages, and the illegal vehicle activity on the wildlife opening, a gate was installed to protect the state's investments. Compartments to the North have gates to prevent access from North to South.

Closure is Emergency Non-Emergency

Compartment Review Consensus Yes No

Closure is Seasonal Temporary Permanent

Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 03/22/2010

Proposal Number

Subdivision NW, SE

Compartment No. 32 "Mohawk Trail"

Proposed Action
Close road to vehicular traffic using existing gate.

State Forest Road/ Trail Type: (may check more than one)

Primary road Secondary road

Spur/dead end Unauthorized

Trail, narrow (50' or <) Trail, wide, (50' or >)

Present Conditions

Road/trail condition Poor	Topography <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level
Existing road surface Dirt	<input type="checkbox"/> Rolling
Length of road/trail 1.5 miles	<input type="checkbox"/> Steep
Width of road/trail 10 feet	Soil type(s)

Description of work to be performed
No work is needed. Gate was installed in 2001.

COMMENTS AND APPROVALS

Unit Manager
Comments Recommend approval

Signature Courtney Brumby Date 7-1-10

Wildlife Biologist
Comments Concur with Area Forester

Signature Debbie Stalder Date 7-6-10

Fisheries Biologist
Comments Recommend approval

Signature Kath Schwab Date 7-12-10

Area Law Sup'v
Comments Recommend approval

Signature Greg Jay Date 7/2/10

Chair, Eco Team
Comments Approved.

Signature LT Reis Date 9/2/10



Michigan Department of Natural Resources
 Forest, Mineral & Fire Management and Wildlife Division
FOREST ROAD/TRAIL CHECKLIST

DEFINITIONS: • "Forest road" means a hard surfaced road, a gravel or dirt road, or another route capable of being traveled by a 2-wheel drive, 4-wheeled conventional vehicle designated for highway use, but does not include an interstate, state, or county highway.

Review or Proposal Number	Compartment No. (attach map)	Management Unit	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)
	32	Gladwin	03/22/2010
Select all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> Improved Road (paved or graveled) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spur or dead end <input type="checkbox"/> Trail, narrow (50' or less)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unimproved Road <input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorized by Department <input type="checkbox"/> Trail, wide (50' or more)	Select one <input type="checkbox"/> Single road or trail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple roads or trails (use only if all criteria checked below apply to all roads and/or trails being reviewed)
			YES NO N/A
A. RECREATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS, UNDEVELOPED, NON-MAINTAINED			
1. Provides access to water, lakes or streams			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2. Provides access to hunting sites			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3. Provides access to dispersed camping opportunities or scenic overlooks.			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
4. Provides access for picking/gathering and wildlife viewing			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
5. Provides roadless conditions for non-motorized, recreational use			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
B. RECREATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS, DEVELOPED SITES			
Provides access for campgrounds, water access sites, trails or other developed sites			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
C. LAND MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS			
1. Temporary road re-opened for management purposes			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2. Road/Trail is excess to needs and similar or same access is provided by another road or trail			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
D. UNFRAGMENTED HABITAT CONSIDERATIONS			
1. Closure provides road-less conditions for wildlife population goals, deer, bear, elk, moose			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2. Closure provides road-less conditions for other wildlife, game, non-game species			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3. Closure provides road-less conditions for old growth area or bio-reserve			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
4. Closure provides road-less conditions for proposed or designated natural area			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
E. ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE CONSIDERATIONS			
1. Threatens endangered / threatened/ special concern plants and/or animals			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2. Threatens or is damaging soils and/or riparian zones			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
3. Threatens or is contributing to run-off to lakes or streams			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
4. Threatens or is damaging to steep, or highly erodable hillsides			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
5. Threatens or is damaging archeological/historical areas			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
6. Threatens unique land forms, dunes or bluffs			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
7. Contributing to trash dumping			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
8. Contributing to illegal ORV use			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
9. Contributing to poaching, timber theft, or vandalism			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
F. ACCESS TO IN-HOLDINGS CONSIDERATIONS (provide documentation of ownership)			
1. Historical, established use to reach a private parcel			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2. Legal / deeded easement			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
G. UNAUTHORIZED NEW ROAD ESTABLISHMENT			
1. Created without approval and was recently discovered			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
2. Previously closed and illegally re-opened			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
H. ADA CONSIDERATIONS			
Have sufficient "like experiences" been provided, if this road/trail is closed			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
I. SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS			
Road/Trail receives a moderate or high level of public use currently			<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> N/A

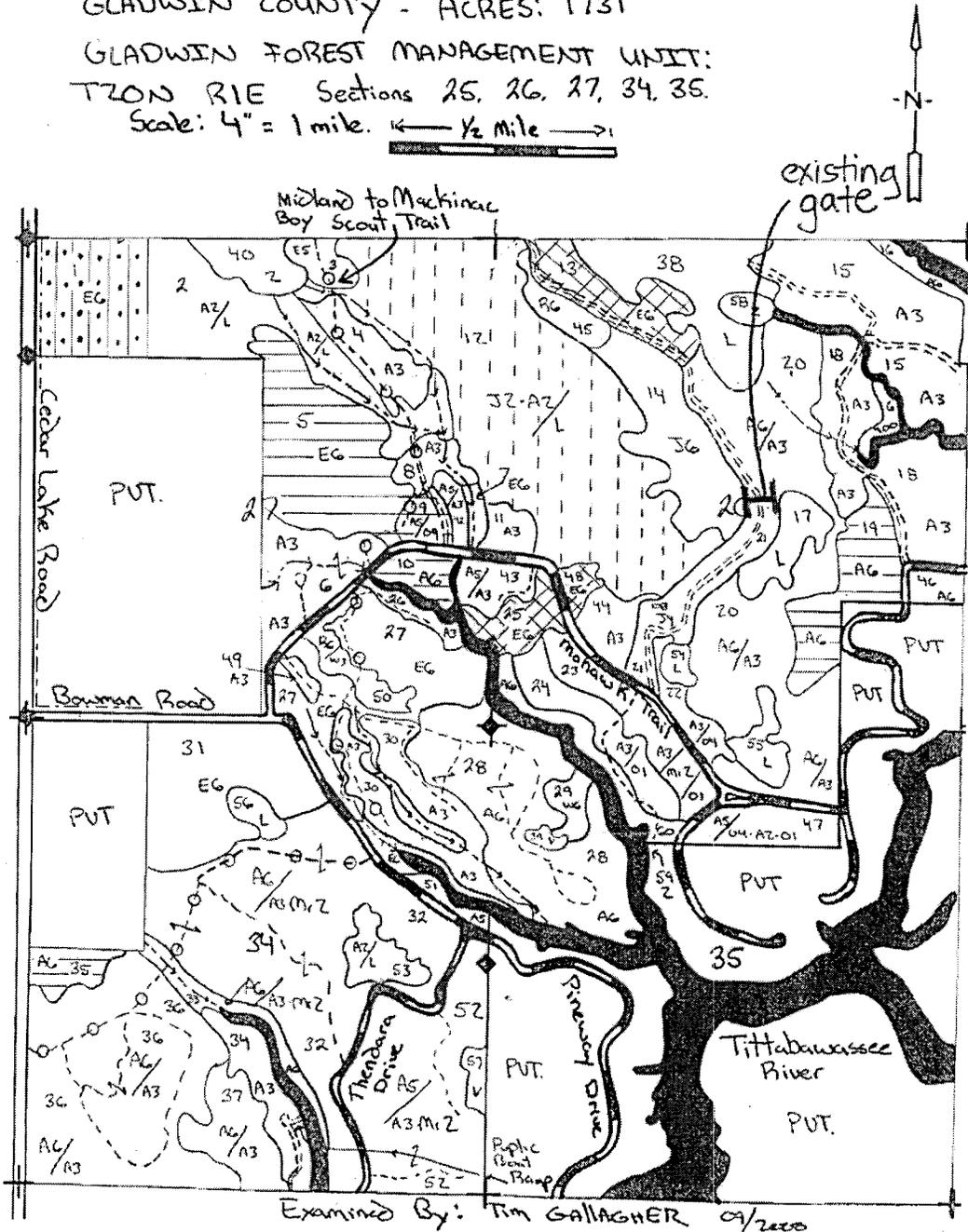
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DISTRIBUTION:

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GLADWIN COUNTY - ACRES: 1731
GLADWIN FOREST MANAGEMENT UNIT:
TZON RIE Sections 25, 26, 27, 34, 35.
Scale: 4" = 1 mile. ← 1/2 Mile →



LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Amendment No. 04 of 2011

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:

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 R1E.

(d) Within the SW1/4 of the NE1/4 of section 2, T20N R2W.

(e) Within the SE1/4 of the SW1/4 and the W1/2 of the SE1/4 and the W1/2 of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of section 6, and within the N1/2 of the NE1/4 of the NW1/4 and the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of section 7, and within the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 and the W1/2 of the SW1/4 of the NW1/4 of section 18 T18N R2E that have been closed by gates.

(f) Within the SE1/4 and the NE1/4 of the SW1/4 of section 22, and within the W1/2 of the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of section 23, and within the NW1/4 of section 26 T20N R1E that have been closed by gates.

(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 July 8, 2011.

Issued on this 7th day of July, 2011.

Rodney A. Stokes
Director