



RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LANSING



RODNEY A. STOKES
DIRECTOR

SUBMITTED: May 16, 2011

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Closure of Certain Forest Roads, Ogemaw County
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 01 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:

Roscommon Management Unit staff is recommending the closure of illegally established forest roads located in the W1/2 of the NW1/4 of the SE1/4 and in the NE1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 31, T23N R1E, Foster Township, Ogemaw County. These roads must be closed for the following reasons:

The roads in this area were created by illegal all-terrain vehicle (ATV) and 4-wheel drive vehicle use. This illegal use has become excessive and is damaging the soils around and through Beaver Lake. Beaver Lake is a wet huckleberry swamp that is only 3 feet deep at the most during the wet season. It does not contain any fish and is being illegally used for mud bogging. Staff recommendations are to close the illegal roads with a combination of berms and guardrail with slash and stumps spread in behind, or trenching and planting in behind to eliminate the road.

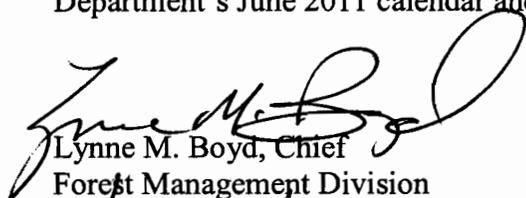
Roscommon Management Unit staff is also recommending the closure of an illegally established forest road, locally known as Section Line Road, located in the N1/2 of the NE1/4 and along the northern boundary of Section 31, T23N R1E, Foster Township, Ogemaw County. The road must be closed for the following reasons:

Section Line Road is impassable to all but ATV and 4-wheel drive vehicles. There are multiple resource damage reports existing in this area due to the illegal use. This road is currently contributing to illegal ATV use, trash dumping, and resource damage to soils and highly-erodible hillsides. Closure of this road will not decrease access to this area, and will not diminish access to the designated ORV trail that traverses this section. Staff recommendations include installing guardrails or berms with slash and stumps, or trenching and planting in behind in order to eliminate the road.

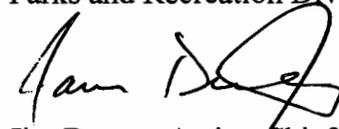
The Northern Lower Peninsula (NLP) Eco-Team has been informed of the immediate need for these road closures. The closures have been reviewed and are supported by the NLP Eco-Team.

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.


Lynne M. Boyd, Chief
Forest Management Division


Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Parks and Recreation Division

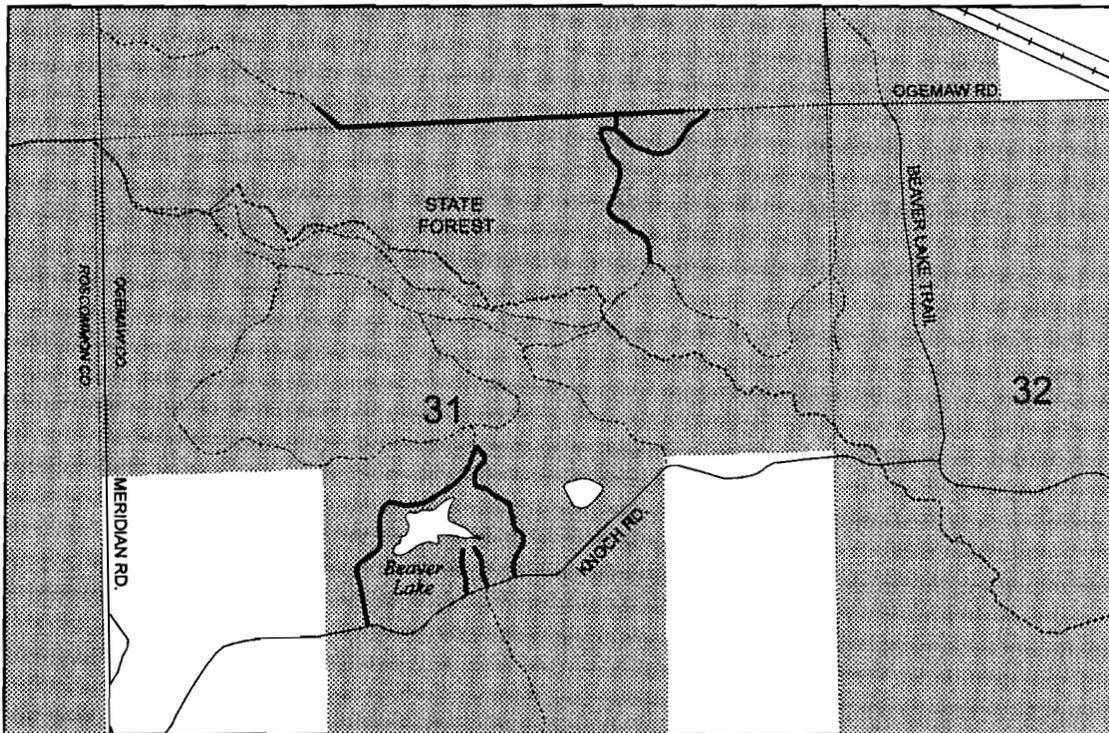

Jim Dexter, Acting Chief
Fisheries Division


Gary Hagler, Chief
Law Enforcement Division

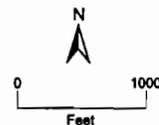
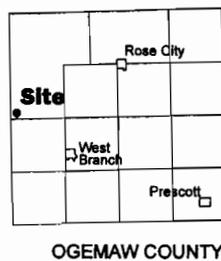

Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division


Kelley D. Smith, Ph.D.
Acting Resource Management Deputy

PROPOSED FOREST ROAD CLOSURE
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. __ of 2011
Roscommon Forest Management Unit – Ogemaw County
Compartment 187, T23N, R01E, Section 31



- Proposed roads to be closed
- County roads
- Forest roads
- - - - - Ogemaw Hills to St. Helen Trail (ORV)
- ▨ State land
- Private land



LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Amendment No. 01 of 2011

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

4.36 Certain state-owned lands, Ogemaw county, wheeled motorized vehicles, prohibited conduct.

Order 4.36 (1) A person shall not operate a wheeled motorized vehicle except for otherwise lawful operation upon a designated trail or designated route or designated forest road within:

- (a) The area known as preacher's hill in the S1/2 of the SE1/4 of section 28, T23N R1E.
- (b) The area along rose city road in the N1/2 of the NW1/4 of section 3, except for the forest road which merges onto rose city road at the eastern edge of the parcel; the N1/2 of the NE1/4 of section 4, T23N R2E.
- (c) The S1/2 of section 27, and the SE1/4 of section 28, T23N R2E.
- (d) The SW1/4 of the NW1/4 of section 34, T23N R1E.
- (e) The SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of section 27, T24N R2E.
- (f) The W1/2 of the NW1/4 of the SE1/4; the NE1/4 of the SW1/4; the N1/2 of the NE1/4; and along the northern boundary of section 31, T23N R1E.**

This amended order shall be posted on or after July 8, 2011.

Issued on this 7th day of July, 2011.

Rodney A. Stokes
Director