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SUBMITTED: July 16, 2012

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Order to Regulate the Use of Lands in the Gaylord Management Unit
Cheboygan County
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 06 of 2012
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:

This amendment to Land Use Order of the Director 4.13 is needed to control the use of motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles, on the property known as Lee Grande Ranch and to correct a property description in the existing Order. The proposed changes include a provision to allow vehicular access by Department of Natural Resources' (Department) employees and their designees, and emergency personnel to perform official duties.

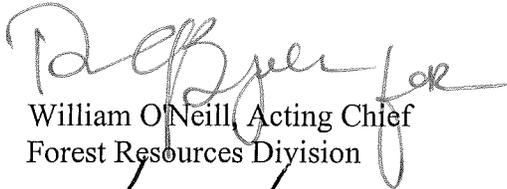
The Department originally purchased a conservation easement for this property located in Sections 9, 10, 15, and 16, T35N R01W, Cheboygan County, to provide unique walk-in hunting opportunities and to provide for "quiet recreation" such as hiking, horseback riding, hunting, etc., free from motor vehicle interference and disturbance. Shortly after obtaining the conservation easement, the property owner deeded ownership of the property to the Department.

While held by conservation easement, this area was closed to wheeled motorized vehicles under Land Use Order of the Director, Amendment No. 10 of 2008 and the area was posted as "closed to motorized vehicles." There is a perimeter fence on the property as well as gates in place on the roads to assist with blocking unauthorized vehicle usage on the property. A management plan has been developed by staff that includes expanding and developing parking sites at appropriate locations for improved access to the property. The closures will be maintained to reduce resource degradation and to provide a large roadless area for wildlife, hunters and other outdoor recreation. This expanded closure order will provide for improved enforcement of vehicle usage, and better facilitate achieving the parcel's management objectives.

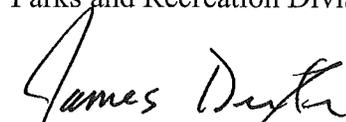
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Recommendation:

This order is being submitted for information and consideration. This item appeared on the Department's July 30, 2012 calendar and may be eligible for approval on August 9, 2012.


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LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Amendment No. 06 of 2012

By authority conferred on the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by Section 504 of the Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, MCL 324.504, and in accordance with R 299.921 to R 299.933 , the Director of the Department of Natural Resources orders the following:

4.13 Certain state-owned lands, Cheboygan county, camping, wheeled motorized vehicles, prohibited conduct, exception.

Order 4.13. A person shall not do any of the following on the described state-owned lands, Cheboygan county:

(1) Camp or use wheeled motorized vehicles, except on the marked and designated Michigan cross-country cycle trail, within the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of section 15, and the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of section 16, T35N R02W.

(2) Operate a motorized vehicle which is greater than 50 inches in width on the posted scramble area in sections 1 and 12, T36N R01E.

(3) Enter, use, or occupy including operate a wheeled, motorized vehicle on the closed forest road located in the NE1/4 of the NE1/4 of section 11, T36N R01E.

(4) Operate a wheeled motorized vehicle, except for those properly registered under 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 et seq., on land 100' to either side of the extension of Eisen trail from the campground gate then west to the end of state land within the S1/2 of the NW1/4, section 24, T36N R01E, commonly known as the lower unit of black lake state forest campground.

(5) Operate a ~~wheeled~~ motorized vehicle, on the ~~land closed forest roads~~ located in sections 9, 10, 15 and 16, T35N R01W ~~R10W~~, on the property known as Lee Grande ranch.

(6) This order shall not apply to department employees and their designees using a motorized vehicle or a motorized vessel to perform official duties, or to fire, emergency or law enforcement personnel to perform official duties.

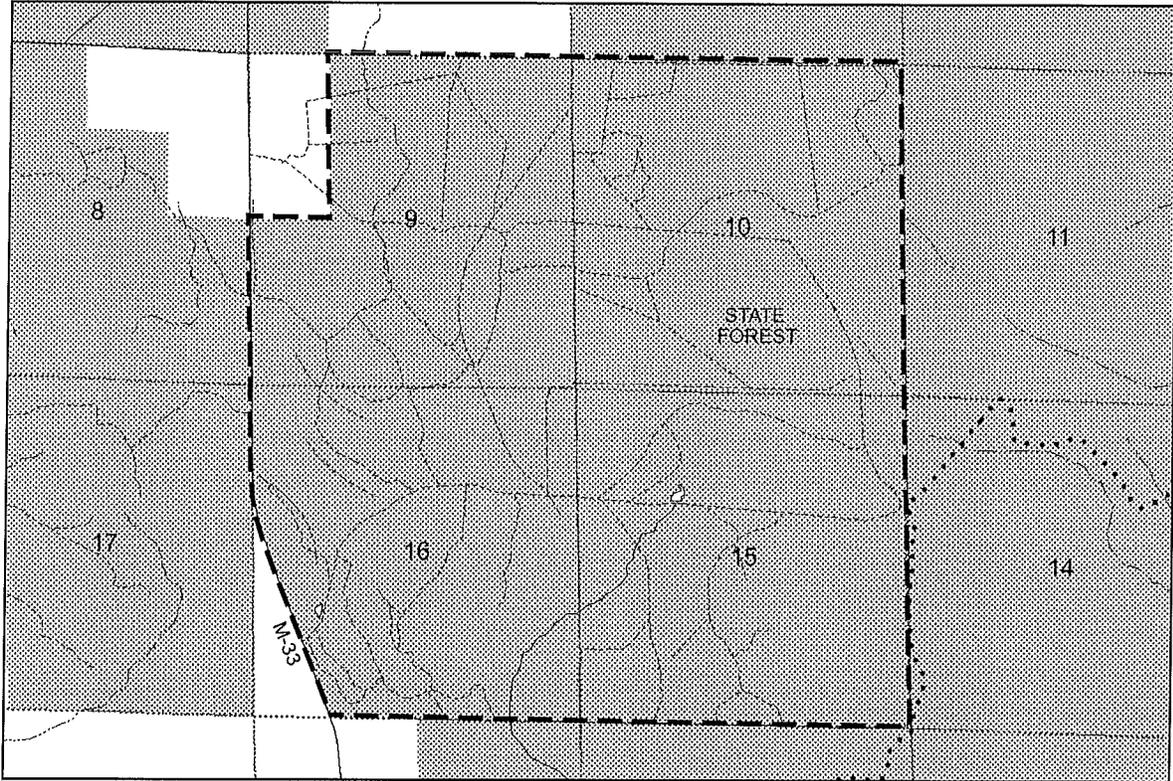
This amended order shall be posted on or after the 10th day of August, 2012.

Issued on this 9th day of August, 2012.

Keith Creagh
Director

AREA CLOSED TO MOTORIZED VEHICLES

Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 6 of 2012
Gaylord Forest Management Unit – Cheboygan County
Compartment 190, T35N, R01W, Sections 9, 10, 15, and 16



- - - Area closed to motorized vehicles
- · · Michigan Cross-Country Cycle Trail
- Forest roads
- ▨ State land
- Private land

