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DIRECTOR

SUBMITTED: October 14, 2013

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Order to Regulate Use, Removal of Four State Forest Campgrounds from Land Use Order 4.3.
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 19 of 2013
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Authority:

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

Discussion and Background:

Currently 129 campgrounds in state forests are operated by the Parks and Recreation Division (PRD). In addition, a partnership has been formed with a local vendor to reopen Thunder Bay River State Forest Campground in Alpena County. The reopening of this campground and boat launch is under a concession agreement with Adventureland, LLC.

PRD staff has identified three (3) additional campgrounds that can be managed by current staff and financial resources. These campgrounds serve a significant recreational niche, and each of these facilities includes a boat launch. It is anticipated the reopened facilities will be revenue neutral or create a small profit. The campgrounds are located in small communities that can derive economic benefit from the tourism that is returned to the area.

In addition to the reopening of the Thunder Bay River State Forest Campground in Alpena County, it is recommended the following campgrounds be reopened:

Muskrat Lake ORV State Forest Campground, Oscoda County

Off-road vehicle (ORV) users have requested this campground be reopened. Oscoda County has few camping opportunities. It is anticipated that this reopening will assist in meeting the goals of the statewide trail plan. This campground has all the amenities required to open, including a DEQ Campground Permit. No additional funds are required and revenue, on a three-year average (before closure), for the thirteen campsites located in this campground is approximately \$4,000 per year.

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Twin Lakes State Forest Campground, Cheboygan County

This campground has a group of campers that would like to see it reopened. This 12-site campground has all the amenities required to open and has received a DEQ Campground Permit. This campground is on the route to other campgrounds managed by Cheboygan State Park. No additional funds are required and revenue, on a three year average (before closure), for this campground averaged approximately \$4,000 per year.

Lake Marjory State Forest Campground, Otsego County

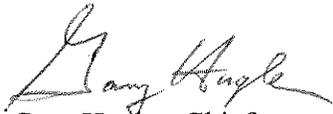
This campground is less than five minutes south of Otsego Lake State Park, a state park campground that often fills up in the summer. The idea presented by park staff is to utilize this as an overflow for Otsego Lake State Park. This 10-site campground has all the amenities necessary to open, including a DEQ Campground Permit. No additional funds are requested to operate this campground and revenue, on a three year average (before closure), averaged approximately \$3,000 per year.

Recommendation:

This order is being submitted for information and consideration. This item appeared on the Department's October 2013 calendar and may be eligible for approval on December 12, 2013.



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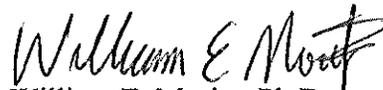
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LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Amendment No. 19 of 2013

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, 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:

Order 4.3 The following designated state forest campgrounds are closed. A person shall not camp within the following designated state forest campgrounds:

(1) In Alger county:

(a) Laughing whitefish, section 35, T48N R22W.

~~(2) In Alpena county:~~

~~(a) Thunder bay river, section 11, T30N R7E.~~

~~(3) In Cheboygan county:~~

~~(a) Twin lakes, section 2, T36N R1E.~~

(4)(2) In Chippewa county:

(a) Shelldrake dam, section 21, T50N R6W.

~~(5)(3) In Clare county:~~

(a) Pike lake, section 27, T18N R6W.

(b) Temple, section 21, T19N R6W.

~~(6)(4) In Dickinson county:~~

(a) Lower dam, section 27, T44N R27W.

(b) West branch, section 25, T44N R28W.

~~(7)(5) In Grand Traverse county:~~

(a) Forks, section 4, T26N, R9W.

~~(8)(6) In Iron county:~~

(a) Lake Ellen, section 35, T44N R31W.

~~(9)~~(7) In Luce county:

(a) Headquarters lake, section 19, T49N R10W.

(b) Two hearted river canoe camp, section 22, T49N R10W.

~~(10)~~(8) In Mackinac county:

(a) Bay city, section 16, T42N R1W.

(b) Little Brevort lake south, Section 24, T42N, R6W.

~~(11)~~(9) In Marquette county:

(a) Escanaba river, section 32, T43N R24W.

(b) Horseshoe lake, section 22, T45N R30W.

(c) Pike lake, section 28, T45N R26W.

(d) Porterfield, section 19, T45N R29W.

(e) South horseshoe, section 22, T45N R30W.

(f) Witbeck rapids, section 18, T45N R29W.

~~(12)~~(10) In Missaukee county:

(a) Dyer lake, section 14, T21N R6W.

~~(13)~~(11) In Montmorency county:

(a) Big oaks, section 9, T29N R2E.

(b) Lake 15, section 22, T30N R2E.

~~(14)~~(12) In Ogemaw county:

(a) Rifle river, section 27, T23N R3E.

~~(15)~~ In Oseoda county:

~~(a) Muskrat lake, section 7, T27N R2E.~~

~~(16) In Otsego county:~~

~~(a) Lake Marjory, Section 32, T29N, R3W.~~

(17)(13) In Wexford county:

(a) Clam river trail camp, section 23, T22N R9W.

This amended order shall be posted on or after the _____ day of _____, 2013.

Issued on this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Keith Creagh
Director