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RESUBMITTED: June 13, 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

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.

Closure of Certain Forest Roads, Gladwin County

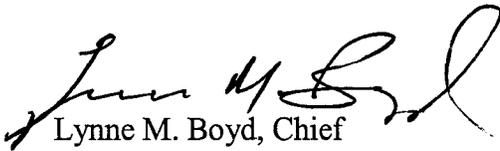
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The Northern Lower Peninsula (NLP) Eco-Team has been informed of the need for these road closures. The closures have been reviewed and are supported by the NLP Eco-Team.

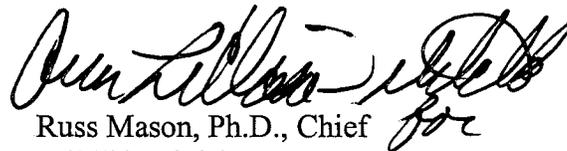
Recommendation:

This order was submitted for information at the June 9, 2011 Natural Resources Commission Meeting. This item appeared on the Department's June 2011 calendar. This will be eligible for approval on July 7, 2011.

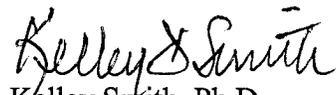

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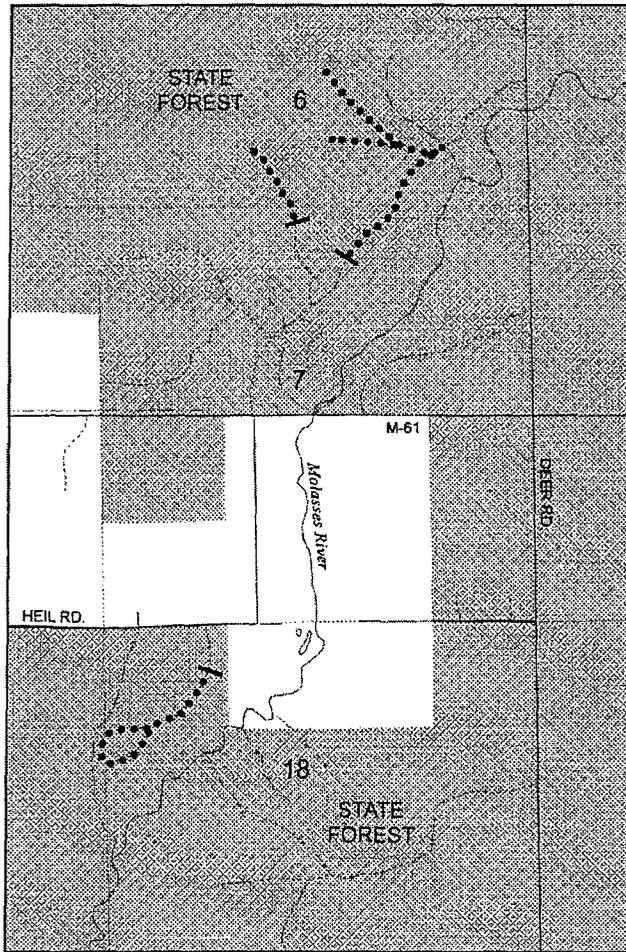

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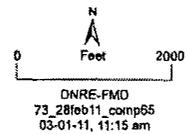
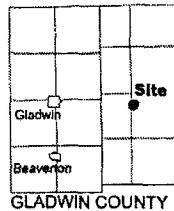

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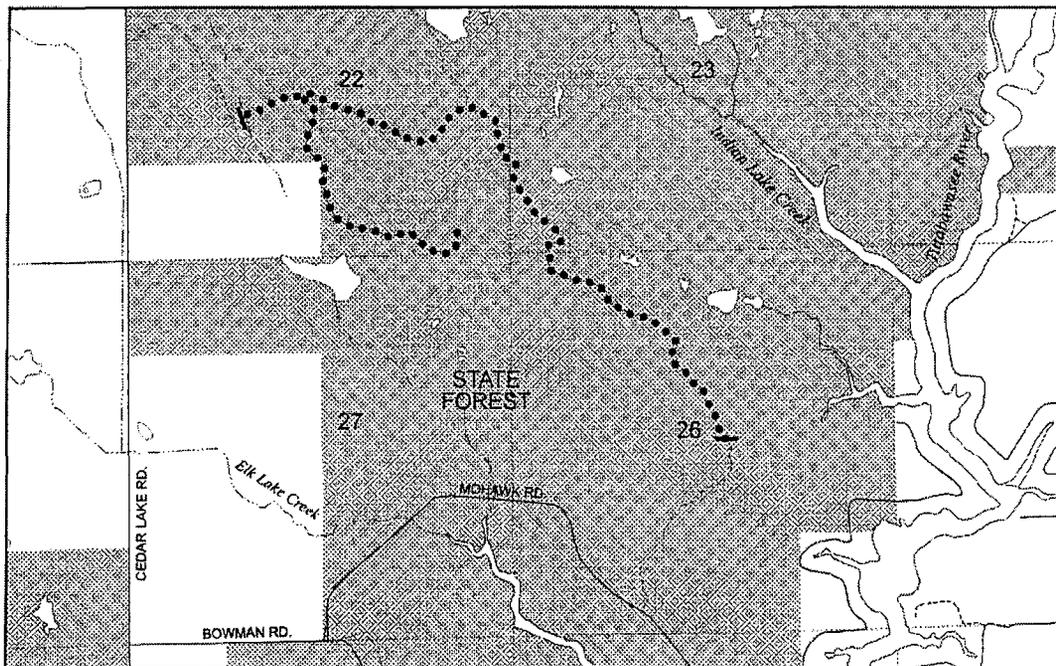
PROPOSED FOREST ROAD CLOSURE
 Land Use Order of the Director, Amendment No. __ of 2011
 Gladwin Forest Management Unit – Gladwin County
 Compartment No. 65, T18N, R02E, Sections 6, 7 and 18



- Existing gates
- Proposed roads to be closed
- Forest road
- ▨ State land
- Private land



PROPOSED FOREST ROAD CLOSURE
 Land Use Order of the Director, Amendment No. __ of 2011
 Gladwin Forest Management Unit, Gladwin County
 Compartment 31, T20N, R01E, Sections 22 and 23
 Compartment 32, T20N, R01E, Section 26



- Existing gates
- Proposed roads to be closed
- Forest road
- ▨ State land
- Private land



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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