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SUBMITTED: March 31, 2020

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) Closure of Tippy Dam Recreation Area Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 3 of 2020

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director to issue orders to implement land use rules, and MCL 324.504(11) authorizes the Director to issue orders for emergency management purposes.

Discussion and Background:

Due to the recent Declaration of State Emergency by the Governor, the Department has taken measures to ensure the public health, safety and welfare in accordance with restrictions placed by Executive Orders. Recent activities at Tippy Dam Recreation Area, specifically the lack of individuals adhering to the social distancing requirements of Executive Order 2020-21, have caused risk to the health and safety of the state.

To reduce and eliminate these safety issues, the Department recommends closure of Tippy Dam Recreation Area until such time as the public safety concern can be eliminated at the site. The Department will utilize traditional press release messaging, post an update on the "Closures" page, and utilize the official Tippy Dam Recreation Area Facebook account to assist in messaging out this closure.

LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Amendment No. 3 of 2020

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(11), and in accordance with R 299.921 to R 299.933, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources orders the following:

5.23 Tippy dam recreation area facility, prohibited conduct.

Order 5.23. Effective as of March 31, 2020, a person shall not enter, use or occupy, for any purpose, Tippy dam recreation area and the related facilities until June 29, 2020, unless this section is rescinded sooner by order of the department.

This order shall be posted on or after 12:00 PM, the 31st day of March, 2020.

Issued on this 31st day of March, 2020.

Daniel Eichinger
Director