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SUBMITTED: October 16, 2023

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Parks and Recreation Division Management of State-Owned Lands – Ortonville
Recreation Area Equestrian Only Camping
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 7 of 2023
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:

Periodically, the Parks and Recreation Division reviews the Land Use Orders that govern the lands it administers to determine whether any updates are necessary due to operational needs, statutes and/or clarifications to existing Land Use Orders. This proposed Land Use Order of the Director Amendment is a result of such efforts.

The campground at Ortonville RA was historically open to mixed use with low amounts of user conflicts until 2022 when it was changed to equestrian use only by Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 4 of 2022. Since the passage of that amendment, the campground has been mostly vacant during the summer months, and many previous non-equestrian campers have complained about being turned away as the campground sits mostly empty. Staff also must contribute a large amount of time maintaining the campground with low attendance.

Most of the equestrian camper use occurs during spring and fall trail rides at Ortonville RA.

This amendment would change the language for equestrian only camping at Ortonville RA to be effective from April 1 through June 30 and September 1 through October 31 only, allowing for more mixed use of the facility during the summer months.

This proposed amendment has been discussed with the Ortonville Recreation Equestrian Association, and they are in favor of the proposed change.

Also proposed in this amendment is a change to order 5.18 as administrative clean up. Specifically, the reference to MCL 324.74101(g) has been updated to MCL 324.74101(h) to reflect a statutory change.

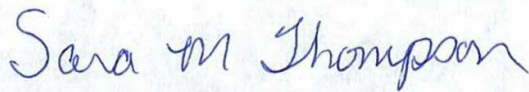
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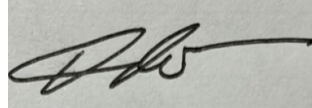
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Relevant Divisions have contributed to the preparation of this order. This order is being submitted for information and consideration on November 9, 2023, at the Natural Resources Commission meeting. This item will appear on the Department's October 2023 calendar and may be eligible for approval on December 14, 2023.



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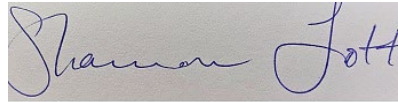
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LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Amendment No. 7 of 2023

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 5.1 State parks and recreation areas, certain conduct prohibited.

Order 5.1 A person shall not do any of the following in any state park (SP) or recreation area (RA):

(1) Have more than one horse for each registered camper at any designated horsemen's campground without first obtaining proper written permission from the department.

(a) There must be at least one horse registered to a camper per campsite in order to camp at the following equestrian campgrounds within a SP or RA:

(i) Brighton RA.

(ii) Fort Custer RA

(iii) Ionia RA.

(iv) Ortonville RA **from April 1 through June 30 and September 1 through October 31.**

(v) Pontiac Lake RA.

(vi) Waterloo RA from May 1 through October 31.

(vii) Yankee Springs RA.

(2) Enter, use or occupy a designated mountain bike trail when posted closed except with written permission from an authorized representative of the department.

(3) Operate either of the following:

(a) An electric bike in conflict with MCL 324.72105.

(b) An electric skateboard in conflict with MCL 257.660.

(4) Use, in any way, a sky lantern.

(a) "Sky lantern" means an unmanned hot air balloon made of paper or other lightweight material that is launched into the atmosphere and has a flame inside the balloon.

(5) Launch an unmanned aircraft from state managed lands in conflict with 5.1(5).

(6) Operate an unmanned aircraft in conflict with the unmanned aircraft system act (PA 436 of 2016), and as follows:

(a) In a manner that knowingly and intentionally interferes with department employees and their designees performing official duties.

(b) In a manner that interferes with department staff when conducting search and rescues.

(c) Within 100 yards of a cultural or historical site or structure.

(d) Upon or over the viewing platform at Tahquamenon falls.

(e) Upon or over the platform at Palms Book SP.

- (f) Over an occupied beach area.
- (g) Over an equestrian facility.
- (h) Over a campground.
- (i) Over a restroom or open-air changing court.
- (j) Over an area subject to an aerial right-of-way.
- (k) For a commercial purpose without first obtaining written permission from an authorized representative of the department, pursuant to administrative rule 299.922(dd).

(7) Use a state managed beach area, or knowingly allow, for the purpose of entry into the water, when entry is prohibited by signage and/or communication by a department employee due to a human health and safety risk, including, but not limited to, contamination, unsafe debris washing ashore, rescue/recovery efforts, severe weather event identified from the National Weather Service, or identified wave height in excess of 8 feet. This prohibition does not apply to board sport recreational individuals accessing the water for the purpose of surfing utilizing a self-propelled wave riding board, including longboard and shortboard; kiteboarding; body/"boogie" boarding with swim fins; and, skimboarding and the following applies:

(a) Entry into the water to conduct any of the above identified activities shall be at their own risk.

(b) Users will follow commonly accepted safety rules and procedures which includes the following: controlling boards at all times, always using a safety leash, and wearing appropriate cold weather gear as conditions dictate.

(8) Use a fuel powered generator in a department campground during the hours of 10 p.m. and 8 a.m.

5.18 Designation, management and administration of rail trail corridors.

Order 5.18 Designation, management and administration of rail trail corridors identified below including the associated trailheads and parking areas shall be undertaken consistent with mcl 324.74101(gh). this designation, management and administration shall require that a motor vehicle accessing the related trailheads and developed parking areas, where such access is allowed, possess a valid Michigan recreation passport for entry.

On the lands of these rail trail corridors that are adjacent to the state forest land and outside 10 – 30 foot wide actively utilized and managed for recreation rail trail corridor the historic management practice of co-management will continue.

These rail trail corridors and related trailheads and developed parking areas consist of the following:

Upper Peninsula

- (1) Haywire State Trail
- (2) Felch Grade Trail (Narenta to Felch Branch)
- (3) Escanaba to Antoine Branch
- (4) Bill Nicholls Trail
- (5) Keweenaw Trail
- (6) Freda Trail
- (7) Crystal Falls to Stager Trail
- (8) Mastodon Branch Line

- (9) Soo/Strong's Trail
- (10) Republic/Champion Grade Trail
- (11) State Line Trail
- (12) Peshekee to Clowry ORV Trail
- (13) Hancock-Calumet Trail
- (14) Loretto-Felch-Lake Antoine Snowmobile Trail
- (15) Bergland to Sidnaw Rail Trail
- (16) Little Lake-Chatham Snowmobile Trail
- (17) St. Ignace to Trout Lake Trail
- (18) Marquette to Munising Junction Trail
- (19) Iron Ore Heritage Trail
 - a. Marquette West Connector
 - b. Ishpeming to Humboldt Trail
 - c. Marquette to Munising Junction Trail (west end only)
- (20) Chassell to Houghton Trail
- (21) Hancock to Ripley Connector
- (22) Baraga to Chassell
- (23) Escanaba to Hermansville
- (24) Iron Mountain Connector
- (25) Ironwood to Bessemer
- (26) Gogebic County Iron Belle Trail
- (27) Ontonagon to Rockland Railroad Corridor
- Lower Peninsula
- (28) North Western State Trail
 - a. Mackinaw to Petoskey Trail
 - b. Bay View – Oden Trail
 - c. Mackinaw to Alanson Rail Trail
- (29) North Central State Trail
 - a. Gaylord to Cheboygan Trail
 - b. Mackinaw to Hawks Trail (Mackinaw to Cheboygan portion)
- (30) North Eastern State Trail
 - a. Alpena to Mackinaw Trail (Alpena to Hawks portion)
 - b. Mackinaw to Hawks Trail (Cheboygan to Hawks portion)
- (31) Fred Meijer Berry Junction Trail
 - a. Montague to Berry Junction Trail

- (32) Fred Meijer White Pine Trail State Park
 - a. Comstock Park to Cadillac Rail-Trail
- (33) Fred Meijer Flat River Valley Trail
- (34) Fred Meijer Grand River Valley Trail
 - a. Ionia to Lowell Railroad Corridor
- (35) Fred Meijer Clinton-Ionia-Shiawassee (CIS) State Trail
 - a. Ionia to Owosso Rail Corridor
- (36) Musketawa State Trail
 - a. Ottawa-Muskegon Rail Trail
 - b. Laketon Avenue Connector
- (37) Hillman-Alpena State Trail
 - a. Hillman-Herron Road
 - b. Quarry Mile
 - c. Paxton Spur
- (38) Rogers City Spur Trail
 - a. Rogers City Trail
- (39) Betsie Valley State Trail
 - a. Betsie Valley Trail
 - b. Thompsonville-Viaduct Road Trail
 - c. Viaduct Road to Yuma Railroad Corridor
- (40) Falling Waters Trail
- (41) Polly Ann State Trail
- (42) Pere Marquette State Trail
 - a. Clare to Baldwin Rail Trail
- (43) William Field Memorial Hart-Montague Trail State Park
 - a. Hart-Montague Bicycle Trail State Park
- (44) Kal-Haven Trail Sesquicentennial State Park
- (45) Huron Valley Trail
 - a. LakeLands Trail State Park – East Unit
- (46) Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park
 - a. LakeLands Trail State Park
 - b. Jackson-Lakeland Trail
- (47) Frank N. Andersen Nature Trail
- (48) Nayanquing Point State Trail
- (49) Van Buren State Park Rail Trail
- (50) Interlochen to Kaleva Trail
- (51) Coopersville to Marne Railroad Corridor

(52) Grand River Edges

(53) The Harger Line Rail Trail

This order shall be posted on or after the 15th day of December 2023.

Issued on this 14th day of December 2023.

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Director