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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Order to Regulate Use, Reopen State Forest Campgrounds and Designate
Campgrounds for Equestrian Use
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 4 of 2014

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:

Forest Recreation programs were transferred to the Parks and Recreation Division. Since that transfer, staff has created efficiencies in making the state forest campground programs more revenue neutral. Currently, Parks and Recreation Division operates 133 campgrounds in state forests.

The purpose of this order is to reopen certain campgrounds on forest lands and designate additional campgrounds for equestrian use. Of the campgrounds that will be reopened, one will be open for boating access only (no camping), specifically the Little Brevoort South State Forest Campground in Mackinac County. Because this campground will only be open for boating access purposes, the recreation passport will not be required. By reopening these closed campgrounds, it is anticipated that a small profit will be generated or the revenue will be neutral.

Forks State Forest Campground, Grand Traverse County

This campground is currently closed. This order would reopen this campground for rustic camping. This campground, while small with only eight campsites, is very popular with paddle sports enthusiasts. The facility is an important link on the Boardman River water trail. There has been public pressure to reopen this campground. The rest stop is so critical that staff has allowed the local paddlers club to provide a portable restroom since the campground restroom is closed. The paddling club also pays for trash receptacles and helps maintain the connecting canoe launch facility. This campground is located near other rustic campgrounds and is on the maintenance/operation route of staff from the Keith J. Charters Traverse City State Park.

Big Oaks, Montmorency County

This campground is currently closed. This order would reopen this campground for rustic camping and equestrian camping. Staff has been working with the equestrian community to find a campground in Montmorency County near or by local riding experiences. Clear Lake State Park is surrounded by Kirtland's warbler habitat and has run into several roadblocks in providing the desired riding experience. Big Oaks is surrounded by deciduous trees, oaks, maple, birch, beech, and a terrain with gently rolling hills.

Headquarters Lake State Forest Campground, Luce County

This campground is currently closed. This order would reopen this campground for rustic camping and equestrian camping. This campground will provide an equestrian experience for the Newberry Trail system. It will also provide a camping and riding experience desirable to the equestrian community in the eastern Upper Peninsula.

Cedar River North State Forest Campground, Menominee County

This campground is currently open to rustic camping. This order would also allow for equestrian camping. By designating this campground for equestrian use, it will allow for the proper use and occupancy of this site because it is currently used by equestrian campers.

Little Brevoort Lake South State Forest Campground, Mackinac County

This campground is currently closed. This order would reopen this site for boating access purposes only. This is due to the lake having a non-motorized policy and the location of the site will assist boaters and fisherman in utilizing the lake. Little Brevoort Lake is located west of St. Ignace. The site will be renamed "Little Brevoort South Boating Access Site."

Little Brevoort Lake North State Forest Campground, Mackinac County

This campground is currently open to rustic camping. This order would designate a separate campground outside of the natural area for equestrian use. Little Brevoort Lake is located west of St. Ignace and has the potential to provide a southern camping link with the equestrian trails to the Newberry region. By designating a separate campground for equestrian use, it will provide a trailhead as well as equestrian campsites.

The Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee supported reopening or redesignating all of the above-mentioned state forest campgrounds. However, a question was raised regarding the natural area designation for the Little Brevoort Lake North state forest campground. Staff researched the natural area designation and identified that the Little Brevoort North state forest campground, boat launch and trail predated the designation as a natural area and, therefore, were grandfathered in. It was the intent to exclude these amenities from the designated natural area but the land description for the natural area includes these amenities. Staff from both the Wildlife

and Forest Management Divisions managed the lands for nearly thirty years, with the understanding that the campground, boat launch and trail were excluded from the natural area designation.

The equestrian camping area would be established adjacent to the entrance road just south of Worth Road. This site is outside of the north boundary of the designated natural area.

As part of the improvements, the following will be added:

- Signs to designate the general boundary and rules of the natural area to educate users.
- Signs clarifying the designation of the equestrian camping area and the rustic camping area.

Therefore, it is recommended that the facilities at Little Brevoort Lake North state forest campground be reopened as a rustic campground and a new equestrian camping area be established outside of the designated natural area, both effective for the 2014 camping season. We further recommend that steps be taken to correct the land boundaries for the designated natural area. This recommendation has been shared with the Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee and they are in agreement to proceed as recommended.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that these sites be reopened for the recreational purposes as described. This order was submitted for information on February 13, 2014, and the Michigan State Parks Advisory Committee passed a resolution in support at their meeting also held February 13, 2014. This item appeared on the Department's February 2014 calendar and may be eligible for approval on March 13, 2014.



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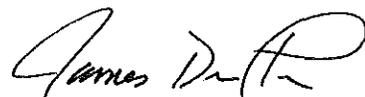
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LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Amendment No. 4 of 2014

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 4.2 A person shall not enter, use or occupy any of the following designated campgrounds with a motor vehicle, unless a valid Michigan recreation passport has been purchased and affixed to the vehicle:

(1) In Alger county:

- (a) Forest lake state forest campground.
- (b) Kingston lake state forest campground.

(2) In Alpena county:

- (a) Ossineke state forest campground.

(3) In Antrim county:

- (a) Graves crossing state forest campground.
- (b) Pinney bridge state forest campground.

(4) In Baraga county:

- (a) Beaufort lake state forest campground.
- (b) Big Eric's bridge state forest campground.
- (c) Big lake state forest campground.
- (d) King lake state forest campground.

(5) In Benzie county:

- (a) Garey lake trail camp.
- (b) Grass lake state forest campground.
- (c) Lake Ann state forest campground.
- (d) Platte river state forest campground.
- (e) Veterans memorial state forest campground.

(6) In Cheboygan county:

- (a) Black lake state forest campground.

- (b) Black lake trail camp.
- (c) Haakwood state forest campground.
- (d) Pine grove state forest campground.
- (e) Stoney creek trail camp.
- (f) Twin lakes state forest campground.
- (g) Weber lake state forest campground.
- (7) In Chippewa county:
 - (a) Andrus lake state forest campground.
 - (b) Detour state forest campground.
 - (c) Munuscong river state forest campground.
 - (d) Shell drake dam State forest campground.
- (8) In Clare County:
 - (a) Mud lake state forest campground.
- (9) In Crawford county:
 - (a) 4 Mile trail camp.
 - (b) AuSable river state forest campground and canoe camp.
 - (c) Burton's landing state forest campground.
 - (d) Canoe harbor state forest campground and canoe camp.
 - (e) Goose creek state forest campground.
 - (f) Goose creek trail camp.
 - (g) Jones lake state forest campground.
 - (h) Keystone landing state forest campground.
 - (i) Lake margarethe state forest campground.
 - (j) Manistee river bridge state forest campground.
 - (k) Rainbow bend state forest campground and canoe camp.
 - (l) Shupac lake state forest campground.
 - (m) Upper Manistee river state forest campground and canoe camp.
 - (n) Walsh road equestrian state forest campground and trail camp.

(o) White pine canoe camp.

(10) In Delta county:

(a) Portage bay state forest campground.

(11) In Dickinson county:

(a) Carney lake state forest campground.

(b) Gene's pond state forest campground.

(c) West branch state forest campground.

(12) In Gladwin county:

(a) House lake state forest campground.

(b) Trout lake state forest campground.

(13) In Grand Traverse county:

(a) Arbutus lake state forest campground.

(b) Forks state forest campground.

(c) Lake Dubonnet state forest campground.

(d) Lake Dubonnet trail camp.

(e) Scheck's place state forest campground.

(f) Scheck's place trail camp.

(g) Spring lake state forest campground.

(14) In Houghton county:

(a) Emily lake state forest campground.

(15) In Iron county.

(a) Deer lake state forest campground.

(b) Glidden lake state forest campground.

(c) Lake Ellen state forest campground.

(16) In Kalkaska county:

(a) C.C.C. bridge state forest campground.

(b) Guernsey lake state forest campground.

(c) Pickerel lake state forest campground.

(d) Rapid river trail camp.

(17) In Lake county:

(a) Bray creek state forest campground.

(b) Carrieville state forest campground.

(c) Leverentz lake state forest campground.

(d) Lincoln bridge state forest campground.

(e) Silver creek state forest campground.

(18) In Luce county:

(a) Bass lake state forest campground.

(b) Blind sucker no. 1 state forest campground.

(c) Blind sucker no. 2 state forest campground.

(d) Bodi lake state forest campground.

(e) Culhane lake state forest campground.

(f) Headquarters lake state forest campground.

(g) Headquarters lake equestrian state forest campground and trail camp.

(h) High bridge state forest campground.

(i) Holland lake state forest campground.

(j) Lake Superior state forest campground.

(k) Mouth of two hearted river state forest campground.

(l) Natalie state forest campground.

(m) Perch lake state forest campground.

(n) Pike lake state forest campground.

(o) Pretty lake state forest campground.

(p) Reed & Green bridge state forest campground.

(19) In Mackinac county:

(a) Big knob state forest campground.

(b) Black river state forest campground.

(c) Garnet lake state forest campground.

- (d) Hog island point state forest campground.
- (e) Little brevoort lake north state forest campground.
- (f) Little brevoort lake north equestrian state forest campground and trail camp.
- (g) Milakokia lake state forest campground.
- (h) South Manistique lake state forest campground.

(20) In Manistee county:

- (a) Healy lake state forest campground.

(21) In Marquette county:

- (a) Anderson lake state forest campground.
- (b) Bass lake state forest campground.
- (c) Escanaba river state forest campground.
- (d) Little lake state forest campground.
- (e) Horseshoe lake state forest campground.
- (f) Little Presque isle cabins.
- (g) Pike lake state forest campground.
- (h) Squaw lake state forest campground.

(22) In Menominee county:

- (a) Cedar river north state forest campground.
- (b) Cedar river north equestrian state forest campground and trail camp.

(23) In Midland county:

- (a) Black creek state forest campground.

(24) Missaukee county:

- (a) Goose lake state forest campground.
- (b) Hopkins creek state forest campground.
- (c) Hopkins creek equestrian state forest campground and trail camp.
- (d) Long lake state forest campground.
- (e) Reedsburg dam state forest campground.

(25) In Montmorency county:

- (a) Avery lake state forest campground.
- (b) Big oaks state forest campground.
- (c) Big oaks equestrian state forest campground and trail camp.
- (d) Ess lake state forest campground.
- (e) Jackson lake state forest campground.
- (f) Little wolf lake state forest campground.
- (g) Town corner state forest campground.

(26) In Ogemaw county:

- (a) Ambrose lake state forest campground.

(27) In Osceola county.

- (a) Sunrise lake state forest campground.

(28) In Oscoda county:

- (a) McCollum lake state forest campground.
- (b) Mio pond state forest campground and group camp.
- (c) Muskrat lake state forest campground.
- (d) Parmalee bridge state forest campground and canoe camp.

(29) In Otsego county:

- (a) Big bear lake state forest campground.
- (b) Big bear pointe state forest campground.
- (c) Elk hill equestrian state forest campground and trail camp.
- (d) Johnson's crossing trail camp.
- (e) Lake marjory state forest campground.
- (f) Pickerel lake state forest campground.
- (g) Pigeon bridge state forest campground.
- (h) Pigeon river state forest campground.
- (i) Round lake state forest campground.

(30) In Presque isle county:

- (a) Ocqueoc falls state forest campground.

- (b) Shoepac lake state forest campground.
- (c) Tomahawk creek flooding state forest campground.
- (d) Tomahawk lake state forest campground.

(31) In Roscommon county:

- (a) Houghton lake state forest campground

(32) In Schoolcraft county:

- (a) Canoe lake state forest campground.
- (b) Cusino lake state forest campground.
- (c) East branch of Fox River state forest campground.
- (d) Fox river state forest campground.
- (e) Mead creek state forest campground.
- (f) Merwin creek state forest campground.
- (g) North Gemini lake state forest campground.
- (h) Ross lake state forest campground.
- (i) South Gemini lake state forest campground.

(33) In Wexford county:

- (a) Baxter bridge state forest campground.
- (b) Long lake state forest campground.
- (c) Old U.S.-131 state forest campground.

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 Chippewa county:

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

(3) In Clare county:

- (a) Pike lake, section 27, T18N R6W.
- (b) Temple, section 21, T19N R6W.

(4) In Dickinson county:

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

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

(5) In Iron county:

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

(6) In Luce county:

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

(7) In Mackinac county:

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

(8) 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.

(9) In Missaukee county:

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

(10) In Montmorency county:

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

(11) In Ogemaw county:

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

(12) In Wexford county:

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

This amended order shall be posted on or after the 21st day of March, 2014.

Issued on this 20th day of March, 2014.



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