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DIRECTOR

SUBMITTED: May 28, 2020

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Parks and Recreation Division (PRD) Reopening of Tippy Dam Recreation Area  
Land Use Order of the Director Amendment No. 5 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324.504(11) authorizes the Director to issue orders for emergency management purposes and allows for those orders to be rescinded prior to the 90 day expiration period.

Discussion and Background:

As parts of Michigan move toward the “improving” stage of Governor Whitmer’s six-part reopening plan, the Department has decided to reopen Tippy Dam Recreation Area to the public at 8 a.m. Friday, May 29, 2020. The Manistee County state park has been closed since March 31, 2020, after a continued surge in visitors (many from other parts of the state) and lack of social distancing led to COVID-19 public health and safety concerns. The end of the popular spring fishing run, which regularly draws large crowds to Tippy Dam every spring, is another factor in the decision to reopen.

The Department will utilize traditional press release messaging, remove this location from the “Closures” page, and utilize the official Tippy Dam Recreation Area Facebook account to assist in messaging out this reopening.

**LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR**

## Amendment No. 5 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and in accordance with R 299.921 to R 299.933, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources orders the following rescinded:

**~~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for any purpose, Tippy dam recreation area and the related facilities until June 29, 2020, unless this section is rescinded sooner by order of the department.~~**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 28th day of May, 2020.

Issued on this 28th day of May, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan Eichinger", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel Eichinger  
Director