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Members of the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives
State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I have today signed Enrolled Senate Bill 248, which calls for a strategic plan for state owned land and a cap on certain public lands until that plan is adopted.

I want to thank Senator Casperson and Representative Foster for raising this key issue within the context of Senate Bill 248. I agree that the state needs to have a comprehensive land management policy to help guide sound and fiscally prudent land acquisitions and divestments. Our public lands are an important part of Michigan's reinvention, both for recreation and resource-based industries.

We need a measurable, outcome-based strategy for our public lands that tells us what we own and why. It is this strategy that should guide the quantity, location and uses of our public lands moving forward.

While the bill has a technical flaw concerning the automatic sunset of the land cap when the Strategic Plan is adopted, I am signing the bill with assurances from legislative leaders on this issue that they will work to amend it on July 18th.

Upon completion of these acts, I will urge the DNR to work closely with the legislature and stakeholders to craft the strategic plan. Once the plan is complete, I will call upon the legislature to quickly adopt the plan, removing the cap from northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Snyder".

Rick Snyder
Governor