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## County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners

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### Resolution #2023-03

#### RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE CAMP GRAYLING EXPANSION

At the meeting of the County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners held in the County of Montmorency Building located in Atlanta, Michigan on March 16, 2023.

**PRESENT:** Dell Bolser, Gary Girardin, Don Edwards, Mary Hardies & Lloyd Peltier

**ABSENT:** None

The following resolution was made by **Dell Bolser** and seconded by **Mary Hardies**, to-wit:

**WHEREAS**, Camp Grayling is asking for a 20-year lease of additional land, from the people of Michigan through the Michigan DNR for Military Training Activities, significantly expanding the current area used for this purpose in northern Michigan.

**WHEREAS**, Northern Michigan relies on the recreational opportunities presented by their beautiful rich forests, pristine rivers, and open farmlands and the people of Northern Michigan want to retain what is left of its rustic and natural outdoor playground atmosphere, for the enjoyment of its citizens and visitors.

**WHEREAS**, the Proposed Expansion will disrupt the peaceful enjoyment of the Natural Resources owned by the people of Michigan, reduce the effectiveness of the "PURE MICHIGAN Campaign," reduce tourism dollars to community businesses, and create even more hardships for its citizens.

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan National Guards usages of our public land has already created contamination of the areas ground water and has already been poisoning citizens for years without giving the community a plan for cleanup.

**WHEREAS**, the proposal increases use within the Manistee, Muskegon and AuSable River watersheds, thus increasing the possibility of contamination in the Great Lakes; since the Manistee and Muskegon Rivers both flow into Lake Michigan. The AuSable River flows into Lake Huron.

**WHEREAS**, the unnatural noise level of training is tolerated currently, any expansion of the ground and air usage will create a much larger distraction from the serenity of PURE MICHIGAN, driving away citizens and visitors that love their community and the peaceful enjoyment of nature.

**WHEREAS**, the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling onto DNR lands does not support the Mission Statement of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources: "We are committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural

resources for current and future generations.”

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners hereby opposes the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to Shannon Lott, Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, this Counties State Senator and State Representative, and Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

YES: Bolser, Girardin, Edwards, Hardies and Peltier


NO: None

### RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.


#### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Montmorency at a regular meeting held on **March 16, 2023**, the original of which resolution is on file in my office. I further certify that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the provisions of the open meetings act.

Dated: **March 16, 2023**

  
Cheryl A. Neilsen, Clerk  
County of Montmorency, Michigan

Dated: **March 16, 2023**

  
Donald Edwards, Chairperson  
County of Montmorency, Michigan