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County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners

Resolution #2024-09

OPPOSING THE USE OF STATE LANDS BY CAMP GRAYLING BY PERMIT

At the meeting of the County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners held in the County of Montmorency Building located in Atlanta, Michigan on **October 3, 2024**.

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

ABSENT: Don Edwards

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

WHEREAS, The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Michigan National Guard (MNG) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which will allow the MNG to use up to 52,000 acres of state land by way of permits over the next five years and beyond and;

WHEREAS, Montmorency County depends on the amount of accessible state land for our tourism industry and the MNG has yet to demonstrate that the additional acreage is needed on top of the existing 230 square miles and;

WHEREAS, the permit process as outlined in the MOU and as provided by law does not allow for the opportunity for the public to make comment or have input and;

WHEREAS, the proposed uses on these lands will disrupt the peaceful enjoyment of the natural resources available in Montmorency County, reducing tourism and negatively impacting the local businesses and;

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling's use of state lands is directly contrary to the Mission Statement of the DNR and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners opposes the MOU and allowing the military uses of state lands by permit to be issued to the MNG, defense contractors, affiliates, or proxies, or the usage of electronic or electromagnetic devices, of unknown risk where the public recreates, to the wildlife, or the environment and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County of Montmorency Board of Commissioners urge the Governor and the DNR Director to immediately terminate the MOU as provided for in that agreement and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board directs the clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to State Senator Michele Hoyenga, State Representative Cam Cavitt, DNR Director Scott Bowen, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

RESOLUTION DEEMED APPROVED

ROLL CALL VOTE:

APPROVE: Mary Hardies, Lloyd Peltier, & Dell Bolser

DENY: Gary Girardin

ABSENT/ABSTAIN: None

Dated: **October 3, 2024**

Donald Edwards, Chairperson
County of Montmorency BOC, Michigan

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss
COUNTY OF MONTMORENCY)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Montmorency County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on the ____ day of _____, 202__, and that notice of said meeting was given in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, and further certify that the above resolution was adopted at said meeting.

Dated: _____

Cheryl A. Neilsen, Clerk
County of Montmorency, Michigan