

Camp Grayling Proposed Expansion
Michigan Resource Stewards

Whereas, the Michigan National Guard (Guard) has proposed to lease 162,000 additional acres of State Forest for training exercises, and

Whereas, the Guard proposes to use the additional 162,000 acres to conduct training exercises that use sophisticated communication systems, and

Whereas, the Guard suggests that public use will continue on the 162,000 acres unless the Guard determines there are public safety concerns, and

Whereas, the Michigan National Guard currently controls 148,000 acres, and

Whereas, historic training exercises at military bases across the nation have resulted in surface and groundwater contamination, and

Whereas, the Guard has not provided documentation on the need for 162,000 acres, and

Whereas, the Guard has stated that there will be no environmental impact without submission of proof, and

Whereas: the Guard has stated that training will not negatively impact fish, wildlife and the natural landscape without submission of proof, and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) require the Guard to submit an Environmental Impact Statement for public review that includes alternatives to leasing 162,000 acres for training exercises prior to Director's decision on issuing a lease,

Be It Further Resolved, that the DNR circulates a draft lease for public comment before signing.

Be It Further Resolved, that any lease proposed contains specific restrictions for the Guard's use that protects wildlife, fisheries and the natural landscape and does not interfere with the current public use,

Be It Further Resolved, that any lease proposed contains provisions for an annual public review of the Guard's activities and compliance with the lease,

Be It Further Resolved, that any lease contains enforcement provisions that include cancelation of the lease for noncompliance.