

RESOLUTION
OPPOSING THE USE OF STATE LANDS BY CAMP GRAYLING BY PERMIT
09122024 – CG/DNR

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, Crawford 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 Crawford 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 Crawford County 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 Crawford County 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 Ken Borton, DNR Director Scott Bowen, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Commissioner Jamison	Yes	Commissioner Kraycs	Yes
Commissioner Frederick	Yes	Commissioner Powers	Yes
Commissioner Goscicki	Yes	Commissioner Moore	Yes
	Commissioner Lewis	Yes	

ADOPTED DATE: September 12, 2024

I, Jamie McClain, Clerk of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Crawford, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the said Board on September 12, 2023.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court at Grayling, Michigan, on this 12th day of September, 2024.


Laurie Jamison, Chair
Crawford County Board of Commissioners


Jamie L. McClain
Clerk/ROD