KALKASKA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION 2022-32
RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE CAMP GRAYLING INCREASED EXPANSION INTO KALKASKA COUNTY

THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF KALKASKA COUNTY, STATE OF MICHIGAN, STATES:

WHEREAS, The County Board of Commissioners of the County of Kalkaska, State of Michigan, pursuant to Michigan statute, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the County government of Kalkaska County, Michigan;

WHEREAS, The County Board of Commissioners of the County of Kalkaska, State of Michigan, have expressed concerns with the expansion of Camp Grayling into Kalkaska County

WHEREAS, Camp Grayling is asking for a 20 year lease for an additional 162,000 Acres from the DNR for Camp Grayling National Guard Training Activities significantly expanding the current area used for this purpose within Kalkaska County.

WHEREAS, The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is seeking public comment on the proposed expansion and has been met with justifiable concerns from the public about the proposed expansion and proposed uses.

WHEREAS, The Master Plan of Kalkaska County states Kalkaska County is a rural, recreation-oriented place filled with pristine rivers, rich forests and open farm land and that Kalkaska County wants to retain its rustic and outdoor playground atmosphere for the enjoyment of its citizens and visitors.

WHEREAS, The proposed expansion of Camp Grayling does not support the Master Plan of Kalkaska County further surrounding and encroaching on even more private property and residences without any adequate buffering thus interfering with the general quality of life and enjoyment of citizens and visitors.

WHEREAS, The proposed expansion of Camp Grayling would increase the use within the watershed of the Manistee River and its tributaries increasing the possibility of contaminates reaching the Manistee River and its tributaries.

WHEREAS, The proposed expansion of Camp Grayling and with the increased use will have a potential negative impact to the rural roads of Kalkaska County and trails on state land within the County.

WHEREAS, The proposed expansion of Camp Grayling and proposed use will have an adverse impact on the health and general welfare of the citizens of Kalkaska County

WHEREAS, The Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners oppose the expansion of Camp Grayling, when there are other alternatives than an expansion into Kalkaska County.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners, that the County of Kalkaska, Michigan, be, and hereby, oppose The Proposed Expansion of Camp Grayling into Kalkaska County.

BE IT, FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Counties of the State of Michigan, The Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, the Michigan State Legislature and State Senators, and the Governor of Michigan.

This Resolution was adopted by the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners at a Regular Meeting held at the Kalkaska County Governmental Center, Commissioner Chambers, Kalkaska County, Michigan, by a roll call vote of no less than four of the members of the County Board of Commissioners who are elected and serving, on this 20th day of July, 2022.

This Resolution was offered by Commissioner Baldwin. Supported by Commissioner Crambell.
A roll call vote of Commissioners present: 6 yeas. 0 nays. 1 absent.
Those Commissioners voting in favor: Baldwin, Crambell, Banko, Bicum, Sweet, Fisher.
Those Commissioners voting against: None
Those Commissioners abstaining/absent: Comai.

This Resolution Was Declared Adopted

Kohn Fisher

Kohn Fisher, Chair of Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners

I, the undersigned, Clerk of Kalkaska County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Kalkaska County Board of Commissioners, at its Regular Meeting on July 20th 2022, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes.

Deborah L. Hill

Deborah L. Hill, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Kalkaska County