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# **THE RIVER GUARDIAN** Camp Grayling Alert

### From the President David Smith

The Michigan National Guard is asking the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for over 150,000 acres of state land for expanded training at Camp Grayling. This land is in the Au Sable and Manistee Watersheds and will more than double the size of Camp Grayling.

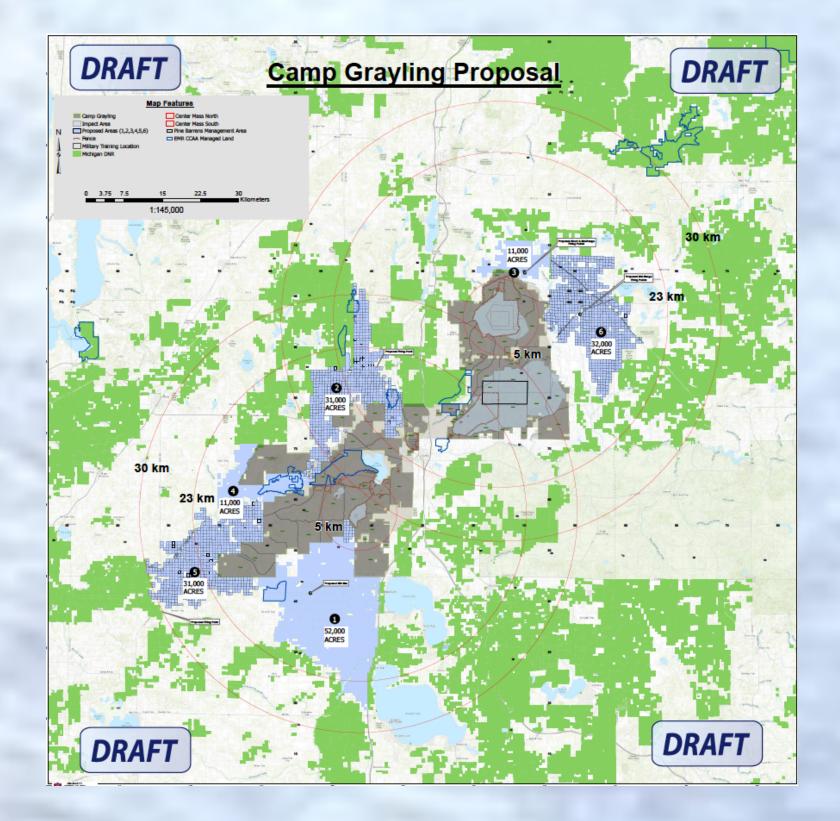
The ARPOA Mission is to preserve, protect, and enhance the Au Sable River watershed's great natural endowments of wilderness scenery, unpolluted cold-water, and stable forest habitat for the enjoyment of future generations. In accordance with that mission, the ARPOA Board of Directors is deeply concerned about this proposed expansion and considers it a high priority to bring it the attention of our members.

On May 31, 2022, various river conservation organizations will be meeting with the MDNR and the Michigan National Guard. Members of the ARPOA Board will be attending that meeting. Please email questions you would like asked at the May 31<sup>st</sup> meeting to <u>ARPOA.ng.expansion@gmail.com</u> by May 30.

Below is a draft map of the proposed expansion and a white paper with more information, both from the MDNR. There are also links at the end of this newsletter to find your elected state representatives as well as to several Bridge MI articles.

Thank you,

David Smith President, ARPOA



## **Important Links**

Camp Grayling Land White Paper

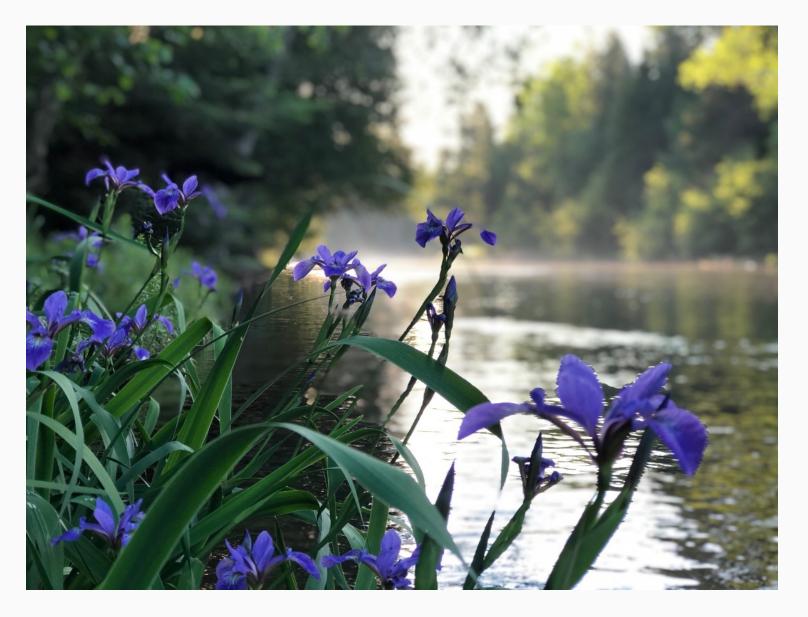
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#### **Bridge MI Articles**

Michigan National Guard wants to double Camp Grayling training land

Map reveals Michigan National Guard's proposed Camp Grayling expansion



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