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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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KEITH CREAUGH
DIRECTOR

April 4, 2018

Dear Stakeholder:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is currently working to implement Public Act 288 of 2016 (PA 288), which requires a comprehensive inventory of thousands of miles of state forest roads and regulates the use of Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) on those roads. DNR staff has made preliminary recommendations on which roads will be open for ORV use and which will remain closed. We would like to ensure that your organization is aware of and engaged in this process. In order to facilitate this involvement, I would like to invite you or a designee to attend a stakeholder meeting in Marquette.

The date and time of this meeting is:

Wednesday, April 18 at 10:00 AM

Marquette Charter Township Community Center
1000 Commerce Drive, Marquette, Michigan

Please RSVP with the name of your representative who will be attending by emailing whitcombs@michigan.gov by April 11, 2018. I will follow up with an agenda and further instructions.

In the event that you cannot attend this meeting there are other options for providing input and comments on this process. Starting May 1, 2018, the most efficient method for reviewing the DNR recommendations and submitting comments is to use the online map at www.michigan.gov/forestroads. The map displays the DNR road system and identifies which roads are recommended to be opened, closed, or seasonally closed to ORV use. Interested parties can add their comments directly to the map (instructions are available on the website). Alternatively, comments will be accepted via email to DNR-roadinventoryproject@michigan.gov or by mail to DNR Roads Inventory Project, PO Box 456, Vanderbilt, MI 49795.

DNR staff will also be hosting four public meetings as follows:

- May 14th Houghton, Michigan Technological University Union, 5:30 to 7:30pm (EST)
- May 15th Marquette, Marquette Charter Township Hall, 5:30 to 7:30pm (EST)
- May 16th Iron Mountain, Bay College, WC 101 Lower Level Commons, 5:30 to 7:30pm (CST)
- May 17th Newberry, Location TBD, 5:30 to 7:30pm (EST)

The DNR is accepting comments until June 15, 2018. The comments will be incorporated into the final recommendations, which will be made available for additional public review prior to DNR Director, Keith Creagh, making a final decision, which is expected at the December 6, 2018 Natural Resources Commission meeting. Final maps and the total miles of state forest

roads open to motorized uses will be posted on the DNR's website by the end of 2018. The process will also be completed for in southern Lower Peninsula in 2018, which will conclude the road inventory portion of the project.

Please feel free to distribute this information to your constituents. We look forward to seeing you at one of the scheduled public meetings. If you have any general questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the email address below or by phone at (989) 983-4101.

Sincerely,

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