

CAMP GRAYLING JOINT MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER

MILITARY LAND USE EXPANSION PROPOSAL

Frequently asked questions, provided to the DNR by Camp Grayling:

The U.S. military has transitioned from training for counter insurgency to training for large-scale combat operations in response to new and emerging global threats. The resultant military readiness training now requires immersive, multi-domain exercises which integrate land, air, maritime, cyber and space domains over greater distances than those afforded with Camp Grayling's current size. The newly proposed training areas, if approved, would be used for periodic, low impact activities such as drone operation, cyber, electronic warfare, space and communication system installation and operation. If the proposal is approved:

WHO WILL OWN THE LAND?

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will maintain ownership.

WHO WILL MANAGE THE LAND AND TRAILS?

The DNR will continue to manage the land and resources including: game, fish, forestry, minerals, fire and all other interests.

WHAT IS A SHORT-TERM LEASE WITH THE DNR?

A short-term lease is a 20-year Use Agreement between DNR & DMVA that sets the conditions and standards for use and resource management. The DNR can void the agreement at any time if the DMVA use is not consistent with the conditions and standards of the lease.

HOW OFTEN WILL THE LEASE BE REVIEWED?

The lease is reviewed annually to ensure continued compliance and for recommended changes.

HOW WILL THIS PROPOSAL BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY?

- Federal resources will increase for conservation, invasive species management, sensitive habitats, river health and fire prevention.
- Enhanced pride and patriotism having one of the largest and most capable four-season training centers in the nation that places equal emphasis on protecting the precious lands which we all enjoy.

HOW WILL THIS AFFECT RECREATIONAL LAND USE, ECOSYSTEMS AND AWARD-WINNING RIVERS?

- These lands will remain open to hunting and no military training will occur on these lands during Regular Firearms Deer Season (November 15-30).

- Hunting, camping, fishing and ORV trails will remain open. Federal funds can be directed towards maintenance of these areas under this use agreement.
- No permanent fencing will be erected on these lands.
- Public advisories will be broadcasted on the radio and posted on social media when troops are training in these areas.
- There will be no military training activity within 1,500 feet of rivers.

WHERE ARE THE PROPOSAL LANDS LOCATED?

A map of the proposal area is available for viewing and to submit comments on the DNR website, viewable at www.michigan.gov/dnr/managing-resources/public-land/camp-grayling-proposal.

WHAT IS LOW IMPACT TRAINING?

Low impact or light maneuver training consists of foot traffic, tents, bivouacking and porta-johns. Vehicle travel will be restricted to current state forest roads and trails.

WHAT IS ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW) TRAINING?

Electronic Warfare (EW) is the use of electronic signals to jam, disrupt or spoof communications in electronic systems. Soldiers need to be trained in how to respond when EW effects target their equipment (radios, GPS, drones, etc.) and develop techniques and procedures to overcome those effects. Greater distances better replicate when effects by an adversary could be used in scenarios. Additional land use will also allow for separation between EW effects and other troop training maneuvers when used.

WHAT IS CYBER TRAINING?

Foreign adversaries are heavily invested in cyber tools to attack and degrade U.S. military equipment and response just before or during a conflict. The cyber-attacks can be delivered from space, military communication link or direct access. The Camp Grayling cyber range will offer a relevant field environment with access to low earth orbit satellites for soldiers to experience the cyber effects, learn to identify and attribute the effects to cyber and overcome the degraded performance quickly. A dedicated range is imperative to afford greater distances for repetitive experiential training without interfering with coincidental training activities.