

To: Dan Eichinger, DNR Director

From: Twin Lakes Property Owners Association (East and West Twin Lakes in Lewiston, MI located in Albert Township)

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed Camp Grayling expansion. According to the published maps and documents, Area 6 of the expansion would come within one-half mile of the western shore of West Twin Lake and extend around the lake's southwestern and southern shores.

We firmly support our nation's military, but based upon the information released to date, we do not see a convincing argument that the additional uses planned for the camp cannot be incorporated into the existing Camp Grayling footprint. This information also concludes that the Camp Grayling expansion may negatively impact the environment, access to recreational lands, and, in the long run, our property values.

The environmental issues are foremost. Camp Grayling has already been identified as a source of PFAS chemicals which have been found in Lake Margrethe. For this and other reasons, we are concerned about the expansion's possible adverse effects on fish and other wildlife

We are concerned about the unknown possible effects of electronic and cyber warfare on our residential communications such as cell and internet service

We are also concerned about access to recreational lands for fishing, hunting, hiking, and trails for off-road vehicles and snowmobiling

These negative factors, along with any possible increase in noise, would negatively impact our property values. Camp Grayling's current heavy bombing maneuvers already rattle our windows and are very intrusive to homeowners on East and West Twin Lakes.

The proposed Camp Grayling expansion appears to be in direct opposition to the DNR's own mission statement, which states "The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations."

We ask the Department of Natural Resources to oppose the expansion. The Michigan United Conservation Clubs, the Sierra Club, the Michigan League of Conservation Voters, Anglers of the Au Sable, Michigan Trout Unlimited, Michigan Chapter of the Back Country Hunters and Anglers, Bear Lake Township, Lovells Township, the Kalkaska Board of Commissioners and others have already done so and more organizations are being added to this list. Our Albert Township Board of Trustees has also agreed to publicly oppose the expansion at its meeting on August 8.

Sincerely,

The Twin Lakes Property Owners Association
Lewiston, MI