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March xx, 2023

Ron Olson, Chief, Parks and Recreation Division

Department of Natural Resources  
Executive Division  
P.O. Box 30028  
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Chief Olson,

Thank you for applying and congratulations for being awarded $5 million to expand the Keweenaw Tip. It is understood that the Parks and Recreation Division will be responsible for this new land as well as existing land, and that you are beginning a planning process for the greater Keweenaw Tip later this year.

The purpose of this letter is to encourage you to do more to secure all of the approximately 25,600 acres currently at risk under temporary ownership. The Parks and Recreation Division should create a world-class model for outdoor recreation, conservation, and economic thriveability at the Keweenaw Tip.

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March xx, 2023

Director Shannon Lott

Department of Natural Resources  
Executive Division  
P.O. Box 30028  
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Director Lott,

It is wonderful that the DNR Parks and Recreation Division has been awarded $5 million from the MNRTF to expand the Keweenaw Tip. This is a great first step, but there is more the DNR should do to best serve the people of Michigan.

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Deputy Director Scott Whitcomb

Department of Natural Resources  
Executive Division  
P.O. Box 30028  
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Deputy Director Whitcomb,

Thank you for applying and congratulations for being awarded $5 million to expand the Keweenaw Tip. Your former role as land strategist for the DNR was instrumental in taking this first major step.

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Director Dan Eichinger

Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE)

Constitution Hall  
525 West Allegan Street  
P.O. Box 30473  
Lansing, MI 48909-7973

Dear Director Eichinger,

It is wonderful that the DNR Parks and Recreation Division has been awarded $5 million from the MNRTF to expand the Keweenaw Tip under your leadership as the Director of the DNR. This is a great first step, but there is more that the State of Michigan should do to best serve the people of Michigan.

The purpose of this letter is to ask you to provide leadership as Director of EGLE to secure all of the approximately 25,600 acres currently at risk under temporary ownership. Michigan should create a world-class model for outdoor recreation, conservation, and economic thriveability at the Keweenaw Tip.

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March xx, 2023

Governor Gretchen Whitmer

P.O. Box 30013

Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Whitmer:

The purpose of this letter is to ask you to provide leadership for the DNR to secure all of the approximately 25,600 acres currently at risk under temporary ownership at the Keweenaw Tip. The Michigan DNR should create a world-class model for outdoor recreation, conservation, and economic thriveability at the Keweenaw Tip for citizens of Michigan, visitors, and posterity.

You have provided great leadership in expanding funding and resources for conservation and outdoor recreation throughout Michigan. It is wonderful that the DNR Parks and Recreation Division has been awarded $5 million from the MNRTF to expand the Keweenaw Tip. This is a great first step, but there is more the State of Michigan should do to best serve the people of Michigan.

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