PUBLIC NOTICE (March, 2023)

The Tribe is proposing to adopt a Park Plan for Sky Chief Park as shown on the attached documentation.

The proposed plan of Sky Chief Master Park Plan for the areas in and around Gordon Lake area to make it safe and useable for recreational purposes. If there are any questions, please contact the Natural Resource Dept. at 477-2640. They will set up a public presentation to review and discuss the proposed plan at a later date.

Copies of the proposed park plan is available on the Tribal Records Dept Facebook page, at the Tribal Records Dept located in the Tribal Headquarters, on the website at: www.tmchippewa.com, or can be obtained in writing by request. Written comments are to be submitted by mail to PO Box 900, Belcourt, ND 58316, by fax at 477-0916 or by email to tribalrecordsdept@yahoo.com. Please contact the Natural Resource Dept. if there are any questions.
RESOLUTION NUMBER TMBC164-03-23 OF THE DULY ELECTED AND CERTIFIED GOVERNING BODY OF THE TURTLE MOUNTAIN BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

WHEREAS, the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, hereinafter referred to as the Tribe, is an unincorporated Band acting under a revised Constitution and By-Laws approved by the Secretary of the Interior on June 16th, 1959 and amendments thereto approved; and

WHEREAS, Article IX (a) Section 1 of the Turtle Mountain Constitution and By-Laws empowers the Tribal Council with the authority to represent the Band and to negotiate with Federal, State, and Local Governments and with private persons; and

WHEREAS, the Tribal Natural Resource Department is developing a park plan known as Sky Chief Master Park Plan for the areas in and around Gordon Lake area to make it safe and useable for recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the plan will be done in four (4) phases- Phase 1- Bridge to Island and Island Development for recreation; Phase 2- ANA connecting trails/establish start of system and camping areas; Phase 3-ADA Trails/ rest of system built, blacktop main park roads, Gordon Lake Beach and Parking reorganized and improved, establish boat launch, etc., and Parkwide consideration during all phases: Holding tanks for all wastewater at each development, habitat management plans for each adjacent forest zone are some of the projects included in the plan; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Tribe is authorizing a 30-day comment period of the attached proposed Sky Chief Master Park Plan which will be set up by Tribal Natural Resource Department.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned Tribal Secretary of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, do hereby certify that the Tribal Council is composed of nine (9) members of whom nine (9) constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called, convened and held on the 9th day of March, 2023, that the foregoing resolution was adopted by an affirmative vote of all eight (8) in favor- Reps. Elmer Davis Jr., Chad Counts, Craig Lunday, Kenneth Malaterre, Jon Jon Keplin, Ron Trottier Sr., Lynn Gourneau and Blaine “Slugger” Davis; none (0) opposed; with the Chairman not voting.

Jolean A. Morin, Tribal Secretary 3/4/23

( ) SIGNED INTO LAW/Dated this 11th day of March, 2023

( ) VETOED/Dated this 11th day of March, 2023

Jamie Azure, Tribal Chairman
Here is the updated project phasing:

**Phase 1**

Bridge to Island and Island Development for recreation

Complete two-track trail area around Wheaton Lake, including realignments in areas prone to erosion and scouring

Establish & Sign Lake Boating Regulations

Establish Group Camping Area

Establish Hike-in Campsites at Wheaton Lake

Establish improved maintenance area entrance

Gates installed at all two-track access points from paved and forest roads

Kiosk Area & Main Entrance Improvements

Single-track trail developed around Gordon Lake using trail design best practices

Single-track trail developed around Black duck Lake using trail design best practices

Visual screen of Maintenance Area from Gordon Lake Beach

**Phase 2**

ADA Connecting Trails- establish start of system

Amphitheatre developed

Car Camping Zone developed

Clean Potable Drinking Water established at each planned camping zone

Comfort Station, Fish Cleaning Station and Intersection Improvement developed

Convert camp sites on west side of park road to small parking area trailheads for hike-in camping

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Designate and develop native plant resource areas within park (one such zone planned for close to Multi-Use Office/Lodging area)

Dump station established (ideally along BIA Road 2)

Establish a Buffalo Viewing Area AND create zone of separation between southeast edge of Gordon Lake Complex (Buffalo Area) and the single-track hiking along the north side of Black duck Lake

Expand Experimental Cabin Zone

Expand Tipi Camping Area

Hike-in camping sites within hike-in camping zone developed

Lookout Tower for staff erected near on-site housing

On-Site Housing for Seasonal Staff is developed

Park Multi-Use Office/Lodging developed

Reorganize maintenance area based on small area plan

South RV Camping Area developed

Phase 3

ADA Trails- rest of system built

Blacktop main park roads

Gordon Lake Beach and Parking reorganized and improved

Glamour Camping (Glamping) Zone developed with unique and high-rent lodging facilities (tree house, glass house, hobbit house are examples of what can be done…)

Gordon Lake Boat Launch area redeveloped and improved

Kayak launches on Black duck, Wheaton and Gordon Lakes are redeveloped and improved

North RV Camping Area plan developed, with development of camping based on growth and success of park

Park Expansion north to include shore of AA Lake

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Parkwide consideration during all phases:

Holding tanks for all wastewater at each development

Habitat management plans for each adjacent forest zone

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Request permission from tribal council for 30-day public comment
Tribal newspaper
Tribal web page
Go on radio to tell people.
Casino display
Onestop display
Social media- Facebook Page