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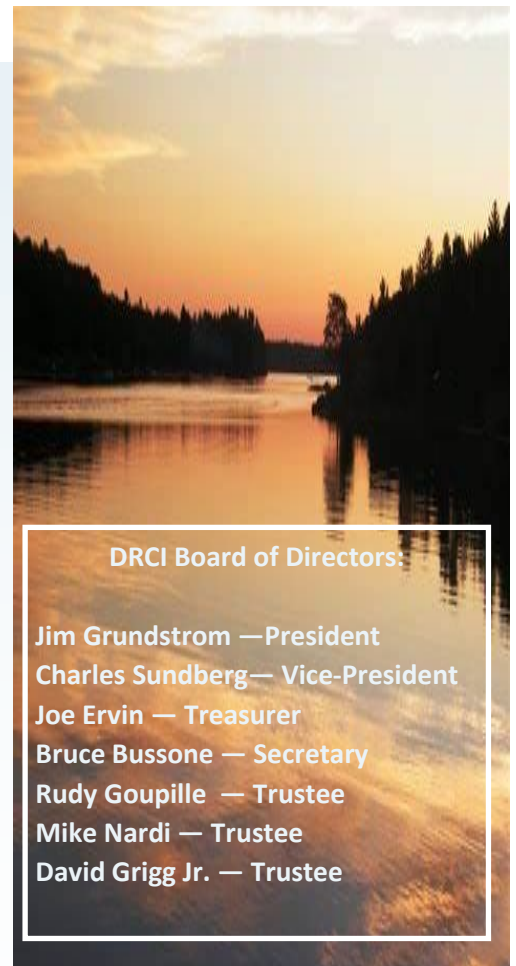
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DRCI was established in 1995  
It is comprised of 403 Shareholders

## ***DEAD RIVER CAMPERS NEWS***



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From the desk of the Operations Manager:

As things wind down and shareholders close up their properties for the season, the DRCI is already looking to 2022 and all of activities that come with it.

We have prepped the fireworks site for next year, Green Timber Forestry is examining our forests and helping us identify where the Spruce Bud disease is a problem and we are working with UPPCO to help identify ways to hold the water levels higher during the summer months.

This fall NMU completed work on a new internet tower near Braastad and Tonkin Road. This tower will help shareholders have a stronger internet connection around the basin.

Work was completed on Three Mile Road, allowing Emergency Access Vehicles to get all the way through, from Ishpeming to Negaunee.

Many properties around the basin have changed ownership over the course of the past year, when selling your property, please be sure to remind the new owners to send in a copy of the recorded deed, so that we may issue a new stock certificate and update our shareholder list.

We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and stays safe throughout the upcoming months. Our office remains open throughout the year, if you need any information, please feel free to contact us.

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## STUMP DUMPS:

It has been brought to our attention that many shareholders are using areas in our commonlands to dump their stumps and brush, when cleaning up their properties. DRCI does **NOT** sanction any stump dumps around the basin. Please dispose of your stumps and brush at the township or county landfills and brush sites.

Please realize that over 90% of the DRCI commonlands are in Commercial Forest Act and it is illegal to dump in these areas. If we violate the rules of CFA, DRCI and the violators can both be fined and the land will be removed from CFA , which will increase our taxes tremendously.

CFA lands are open to the public for foot traffic. There are some areas when trails and roads are available for 4 wheelers and some vehicles, however, it is not mandatory to provide access to these trails. Please be aware of the guidelines and respect the property.

If you have an issue with an area, please contact the DRCI office with your concern.

### Safety Guidelines for Winter:

1. Do not park under utility lines, this includes boats, trailers and vehicles. UPPCO may have to access the line and if your property is parked under them there may be an increased danger to the line workers, or they may not be able to complete the project.
2. Never touch overhead power lines with your hand or any object
3. If you have a tree that has grown into or has fallen onto power lines, stay away and call UPPCO at (906) 449-2013 or (800) 562-7680. A tree limb in contact with an electrical line is extremely dangerous and life-threatening.
4. Be courteous of our neighbors. When out riding a 4-wheeler or snowmobile, please remember that there could be others out walking or skiing. Please be aware of your surroundings and speed.
5. When out on the basin, beware of the ice conditions. With the fluctuation in water levels, there is a great possibility of unstable ice.



BEWARE THAT EVENTHOUGH OUR BEAR FRIENDS SHOULD SOON BE HIBERNATING, OTHER WILDLIFE IS CURRENTLY VISITING OUR PROPERTIES. PLEASE KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE.



Photo Credit: Ginny Tippet

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## ***Low Water. . . Should I clean up my beach??***

With the extremely low water we have experienced on the basin this year, many are debating whether or not to clean-up or dredge their beach. If you decided to do so, please move forward with extreme caution.

### **Does my shoreline project require a permit?**

Chances are likely that your project does require a [permit](#) through the Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy. Most activities that occur within or along the shoreline of inland lakes and streams are regulated under Michigan's Inland Lakes and Streams Act.

Examples of work on an inland lake that require a permit include:

- Dredging, filling constructing or place a structure on bottomlands such as beach sanding, installation of rip rap, a breakwater, or permanent dock, seawall and even natural shoreline bio-engineering projects.
- Structurally interfering with the natural flow of water  
Connecting a ditch, pond, or canal to an inland lake.

**Are you within 500 feet of a lake or stream?** Disturbing soils, removing existing vegetation or changing topography **within 500 feet of a lake or stream** you will need a [Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Permit](#) from the county soil erosion inspector under Part 91 ([Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control](#)).

**\*\* If your project consists of any type of construction activity at the shoreline beware of a contractor that says a permit is not needed. Always check with the appropriate agencies/offices during the planning stages.**



The purposeful destruction of property owned by someone else is considered a criminal offense. While commonly referred to as vandalism, this category of crime is classified in the Michigan criminal code as Malicious Destruction of Property (MDOP).

**Damage done to the new hydro-seeding on 3 Mile Road, just days after the work had been completed.**



## *This and That. . . .*

**Zoning Violations:** Shareholders should report perceived zoning violations to their respective Townships. These violations would include multiple camps on single lots and excessive blight or junk. The Townships can be contacted at; Ishpeming Township-485-5411, Negaunee Township-475-7869 and Champion Township-339-2920

**Submerged Hazards:** When water levels are low please take extra caution to avoid sub-merged hazards while boating. We should all try to mark hazards as they are found, but safety is still up to the operator.

**Reward Offered:** Winter is on its way, with that there is often less activity around the basin. It is important that we take the opportunity to keep an eye on our neighborhoods. If you see suspected illegal activities, please contact the Marquette County Sheriff's Department at (906) 225-8435 or the Michigan State Police at (906) 475-9922.

The Dead River Campers Inc., continues to offer an ongoing reward of \$1,000 for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of any illegal activity on any camper's property on the Dead River Hoist Basin.

**New Boat Launch on Silver Lake:** In October the Michigan DNR, in cooperation with the Michigan Army National Guard 107th Engineer Battalion, conducted the \$66,000 project financed by Dead River Flood mitigation funds.

A gravel boat launch, a parking area and improvements to the gravel access road on state-managed property are features that were recently made.

