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June 7, 2010

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Acquisition
Shingleton Management Unit – Schoolcraft County
The Harry Burton et. al. Tract
Land Transaction Case #20090188

Purchase Price: 440 acres – \$189,000.00

Description: Schoolcraft County, Seney Township, T43N, R16W, Section 08: SE ¼ of SE ¼; Section 17: N ½ of Section; Section 18: E ½ of NE ¼

Seller: Harry Burton, et. al., Germfask, Michigan

Option Expires: August 12, 2010

Property Taxes: The 2009 property taxes were \$3,179.84.

Authority: Part 5 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department's June 28, 2010 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on July 5, 2010.

Comments: The offered privately-owned parcel is located in northeastern Schoolcraft County, three miles north of the community of Seney.

The 440-acre parcel displays a level topography with primary forest cover being cedar and spruce. An upland area located in the northern portion of the property has been improved with a small trailer-type hunting camp structure. The parcel contains ¾ of a mile of frontage along state highway M-77 at the eastern boundary. Interior access is facilitated by a former railroad grade that traverses the eastern portion of the property from the north to the south boundary. State-owned land adjoins the property on all of its boundaries.

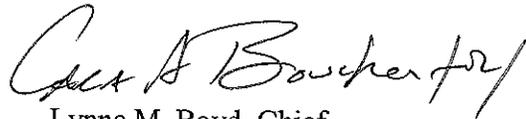
The purchase will include mineral rights owned by the seller.

This parcel is located inside the boundary of the Shingleton Management Unit. Acquisition of this private in-holding will consolidate ownership, eliminate three and one-quarter miles of private/public property boundary, secure additional wildlife habitat, and increase public recreational opportunities. It is anticipated that the former railroad grade can be improved and used for recreational trail purposes, with relocation of a snowmobile trail from an adjoining wetland area.

Recommendation: That this tract be approved for purchase with payment of \$4,800.00 to be made from snowmobile funds appropriated for the Snowmobile Trail Grant Program for the year 2009-2010, and the remainder to be made from funds appropriated for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Upper Peninsula Eco-Regional Land Consolidation, Act 278, Public Acts of 2008, or Act 23, Public Acts of 2009, as funds are available.



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Land and Facilities



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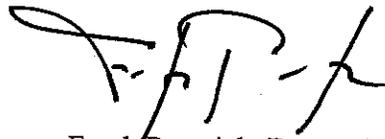
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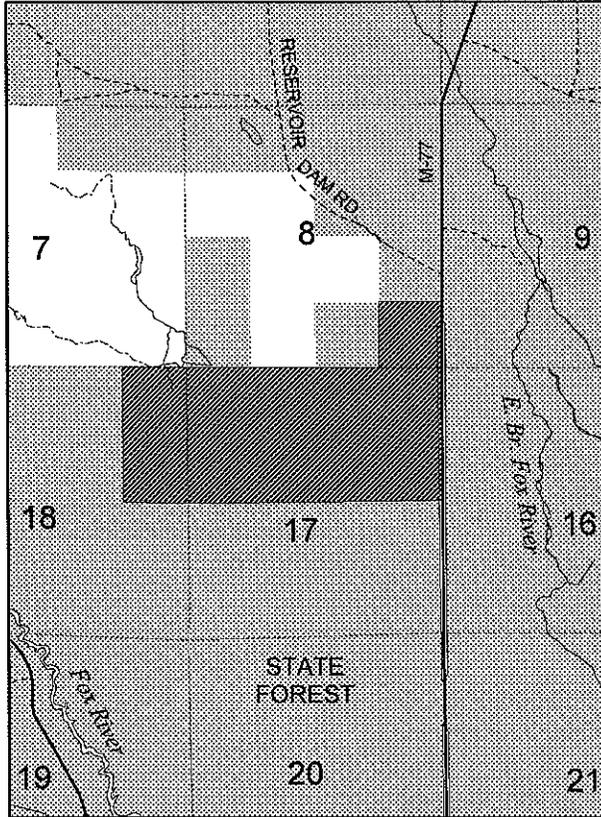
Frank Ruswick, Deputy Director
Stewardship

I approve the staff recommendation.

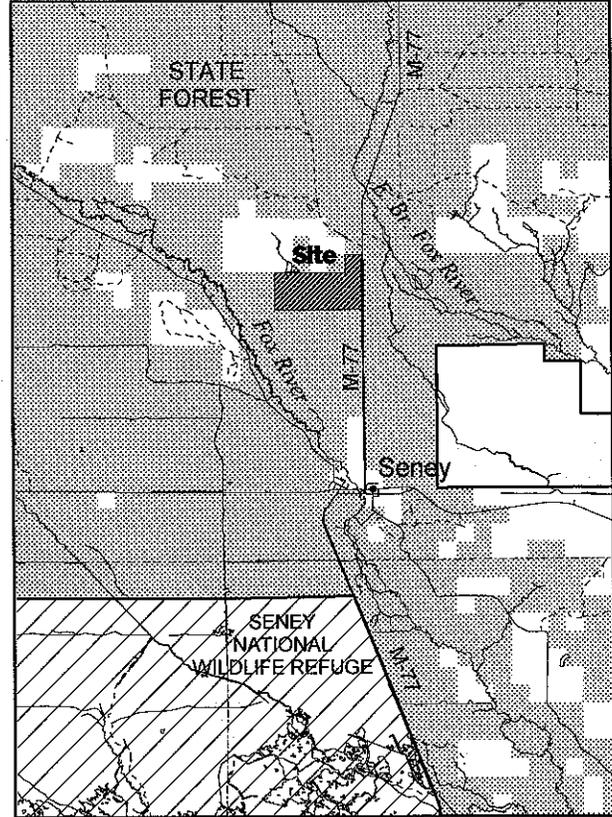
Rebecca A. Humphries
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Date Approved

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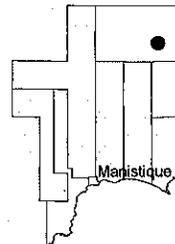


Sections 8, 17 and 18, T46N, R13W
 Seney Township



Regional Location

- State Forest boundary
- Land offered to DNRE (440.00 acres - \$189,000.00)
- State land
- Private land



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