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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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REBECCA A. HUMPHRIES
DIRECTOR

September 17, 2007

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Fisheries Land Acquisition and Boundary Dedication
Grayling Management Unit – Crawford County
The Stephen Southard Tract
Land Transaction Case #20070173

Purchase Price: 0.96-acre site – \$88,000.00
(294.21 feet of frontage along Manistee River)

Stipulations: The purchase is contingent on funding approved by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Board and presently awaiting appropriation by the Michigan Legislature.

Description: Crawford County, Frederic Township, T27N, R04W, Section 31: Part of the SW ¼ of NW ¼ described as commencing at the SE corner of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of said Section, thence S 89° 13' W along the E and W ¼ line 565.10 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence S 89° 13' W 155 feet, thence N 4° 58' E on a traverse line along the E'ly bank of the Manistee River 294.21 feet, thence SE'ly (along the centerline of State Highway M-72) 155 feet, m/l, thence SW'ly 251.31 feet m/l to the Point of Beginning. Also all that land lying between the traverse line as described and the waters edge of the Manistee River with full riparian rights thereto.

Seller: Stephen Southard, Grayling, Michigan

Option Expires: December 5, 2007

Property Taxes: The property taxes for 2006 were \$143.54.

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department) October 1, 2007 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on October 8, 2007.

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Comments:

The offered private parcel is located in west-central Crawford County, six and one-half miles northwesterly of the city of Grayling. It consists of a 0.96-acre tract that contains 294.21 feet of frontage along the easterly shore of the Manistee River and 155 feet of frontage along the south side of highway M-72. The parcel exhibits a generally level topography that gently slopes toward the easterly shoreline of the Manistee River. A small dirt parking lot has been constructed on the site that can accommodate 15 – 20 vehicles. In addition, there exists a series of widely spaced steps along a grassy slope which provide a gently-descending terrace to the watercourse. The southerly portion of the property exhibits marginally-drained soils with a vegetative cover of brush and tag-alder.

Historically, this site has been used for private river access and was identified in the Upper Manistee River Access Plan (endorsed by the Natural Rivers Program) as a potential public access point. In addition, this portion of the Manistee River is subject to 'flies-only' fishing regulations.

The Manistee River Bridge State Forest Campground is located immediately northwest of this parcel but boating access is not provided due to steep slopes. Acquisition of this private parcel will expand public ownership along this portion of the Manistee River, prevent further fractionalization, and secure an immediately available and easy-to-use access site for fishing, boating, and other water-oriented activities.

The purchase will include mineral rights owned by the seller.

Recommendations:

(1) That this tract be approved for purchase with payment to be made from the MNRTF, Inland Waters Access Initiative, already approved by the MNRTF Board and presently awaiting appropriation by the Michigan Legislature, and/or from the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund.



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(2) That the boundary of the Grayling Management Unit be adjusted to include this tract following completion of the purchase.

(3) That this tract be dedicated as part of the Grayling Management Unit and managed by the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division.

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I approve the staff recommendations.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

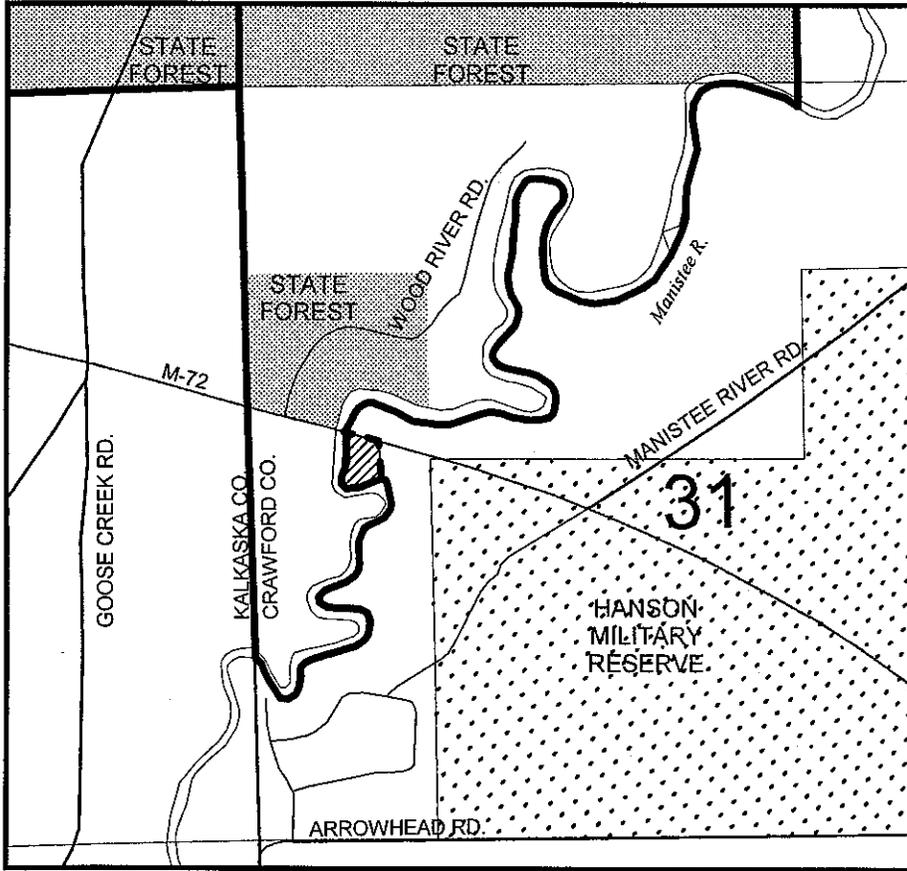
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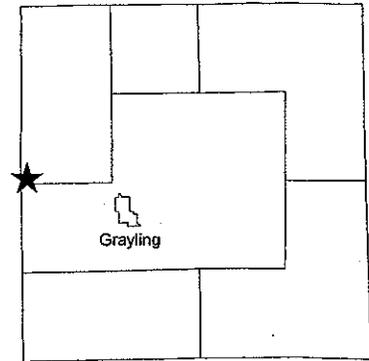
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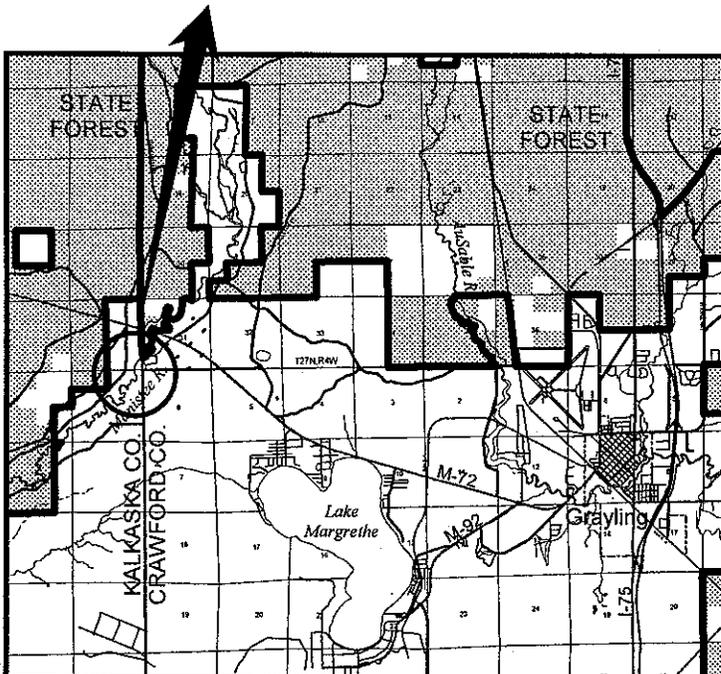
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Section 31, T27N, R04W, Frederic Township



CRAWFORD COUNTY



- State Forest Boundary
- Proposed Boundary Adjustment
- Private Land Offered to DNR (0.96 acre - \$88,000.00)
- Military Land
- State Land
- Private Land

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