STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LANSING

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GOVERNOR

RODNEY A. STOKES
DIRECTOR

June 13, 2011

TO: Rodney A. Stokes, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Purchase of Tax-Reverted Land under Act 123, P.A. 1999
State Forest Land Acquisition
Traverse City Management Unit – Benzie County
Land Transaction Case #20110085

Purchase: 40 acres more or less – To be purchased from Benzie County for a price not to exceed $125,800.00 as provided by statute. 2010 SEV – $62,900.00.

Description: Benzie County, Inland Township, T26N, R13W, Section 21: the SE ¼ of the SE ¼.

Authority: Act 123, P.A. 1999, amended Act 206, P.A. 1893, Section 211.131 of the General Property Tax Act, and Part 21, Act 451 of 1994.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department's June 27, 2011 calendar and is eligible for approval on July 6, 2011.

Comments: The Department is proposing to acquire a parcel under the authority of Act 123, P.A. of 1999. Prior to 1999, the Department had the authority to retain tax-reverted parcels at no cost for natural resource and recreational purposes. Act 123, P.A. of 1999, now grants the Department a first right of refusal to acquire tax-reverted properties by paying fair market value or minimum bid, whichever is greater. This first right of refusal applies to all lands that have been foreclosed upon either by the county or the State under Act 123. The Department also has the option of acquiring the property at auction.

This parcel is located inside the boundary of the Traverse City Management Unit, four miles west of Interlochen. It has frontage on a county maintained road and apparent frontage on Kinney Creek, a tributary to the Platte River. Existing Department managed land adjoins the property to the north and west. Acquisition will help consolidate the State ownership pattern in this area and the management of adjacent State-owned lands.

The Land Exchange Review Committee approves the use of the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF) to purchase Act 123 parcels. Funding

for this project is being provided by the LEFF. The LEFF Act authorizes the Department to sell rights in land and deposit the proceeds into the fund, which is used to acquire replacement property.

Recommendation: That the parcel be approved for purchase with payment to be made from the LEFF, under authority of Part 21, Act 451 of 1994, as amended.

Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division

Lynne M. Boyd, Chief
Forest Management Division

James L. Dexter, Acting Chief
Fisheries Division

Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Parks and Recreation Division

Kelley D. Smith, Ph.D.
Acting Resource Management Deputy

Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendation.

Rodney A. Stokes
Director

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Date Approved

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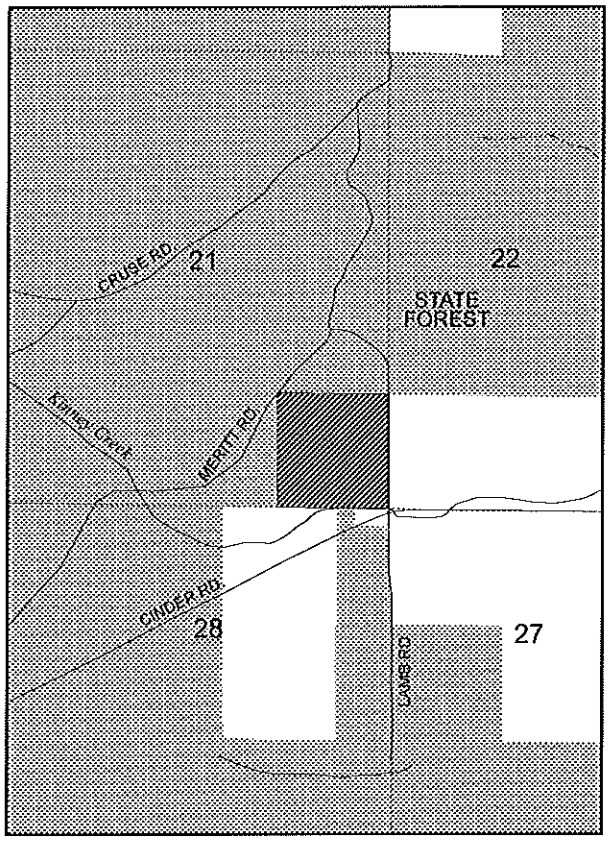
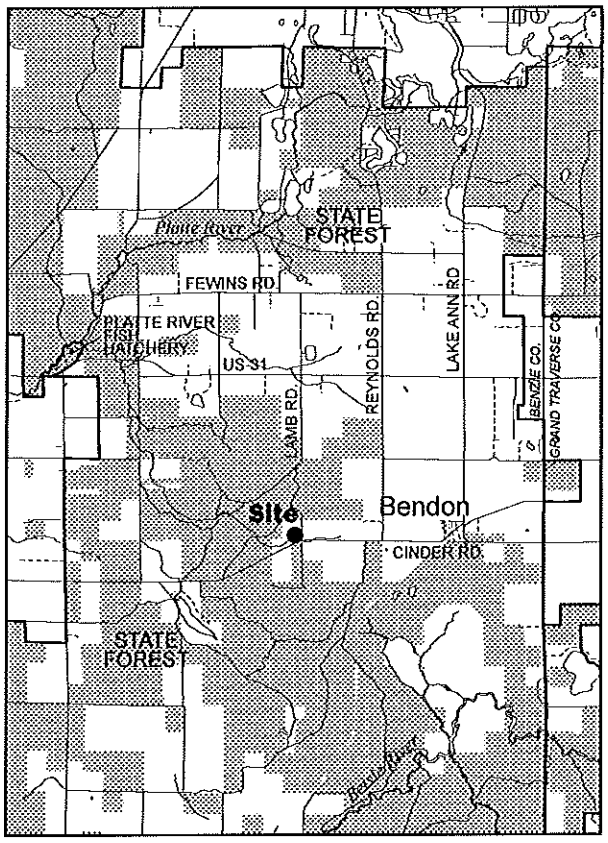


Section 21, T26N, R13W, Inland Township



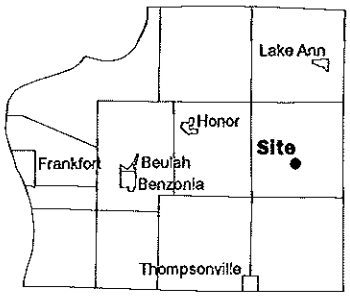
Regional Location

—— State Forest boundary

County-owned land to be purchased under P.A. 123 (40.00 acres)

State land

Private land



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