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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

June 17, 2013

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Gift of Roadway Easement
Crystal Falls Management Unit– Iron County
The Giachino Tract
Land Transaction Case #20130079

Acquisition: 30 ft. x 44.1 ft. (0.03 acre)

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: None
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will not result in an increase of counted acres.
Excluded Acres: 0.03 acres excluded – Gifted property rights

Description: Iron County, Mastodon Township, T42N, R31W, An easement for ingress and egress over a strip of land lying in the NE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 33, being 30 feet wide, as more completely described in the case file.

Grantor Mr. Tom Giachino, Luxemburg, WI.

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) July 2, 2013, calendar, and is eligible for approval on July 9, 2013.

Purpose: The gifted easement will provide access to 280 acres of harvestable timberland. While the Department currently has legal access to the property via acquired easement, the route has not yet been constructed and the donation of easement rights is over an existing roadway. The gifted easement will benefit the Department and public by providing a more direct route to the State-owned land and eliminate the need to build a new road.

Comments: The offered easement is located in Iron County, approximately ten miles southeast of the city of Crystal Falls, and within the boundaries of the Crystal Falls Management Unit. The easement provides access to 280 acres of forestland consisting of primarily aspen, with some northern hardwoods and lowland mixed forest. The existing roadway will be open to the public for access and recreational trail purposes.

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The gift of easement was requested by the Grantor in lieu of the Department's current access easement, located along the easterly 33 feet of the SW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 33 and the easterly 33 feet of the southerly 33 feet of the NW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 33. The roadway authorized by the existing easement was planned but has not been constructed. The Grantor requested the State and members of the public access the adjacent State Forest land by use of the gifted easement rather than the proposed roadway due to proximity of amenities located on the adjacent private properties.

Recommendation: That the gift of roadway easement be accepted with appreciation.

Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division

William O'Neill, Chief
Forest Resources Division

James L. Dexter, Chief
Fisheries Division

Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Parks and Recreation Division

William E. Moritz, Ph.D.
Natural Resources Deputy

Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations

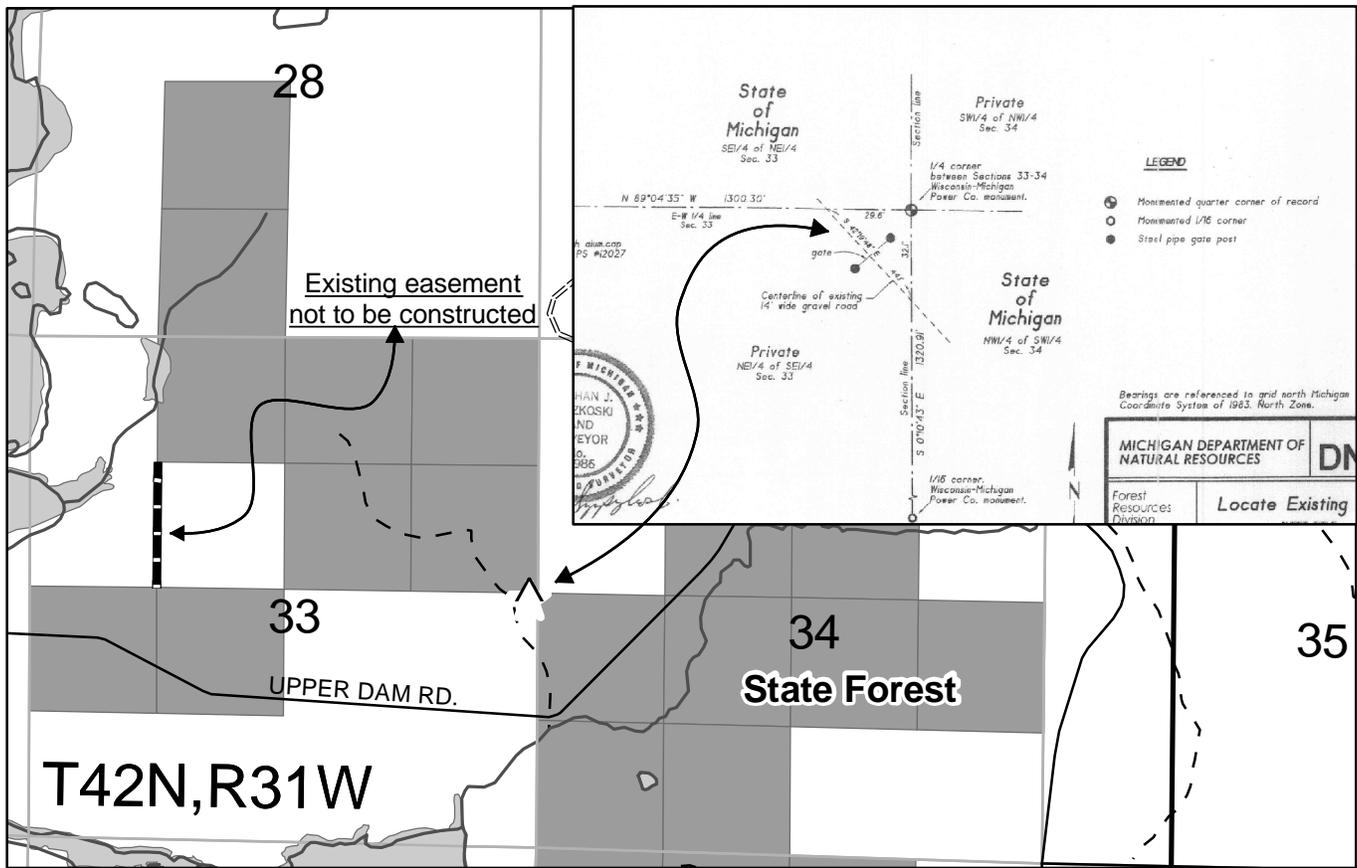
Keith Creagh
Director

Date Approved

GIFT OF ROADWAY EASEMENT

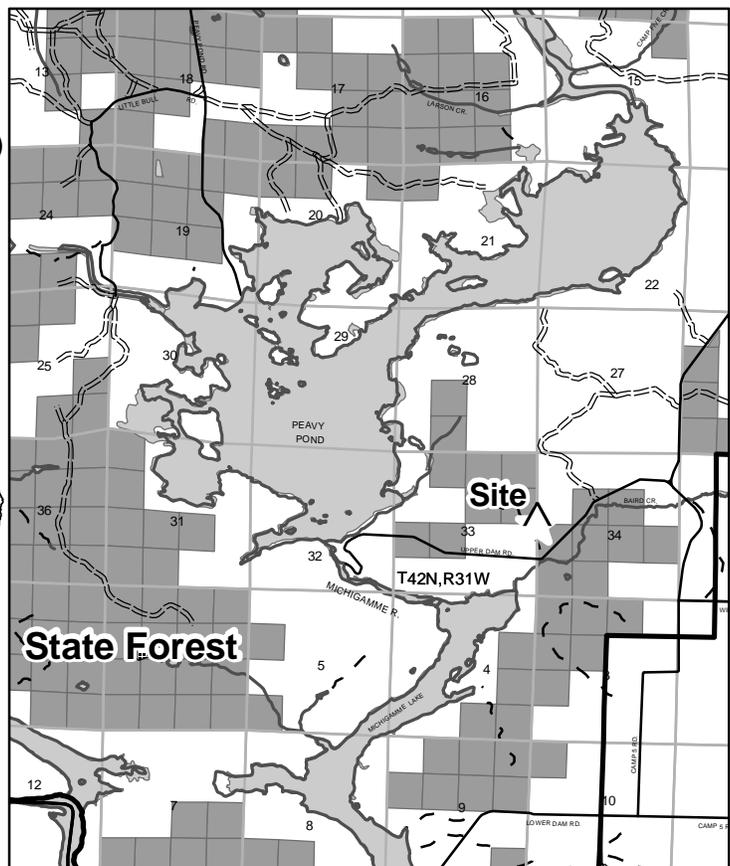
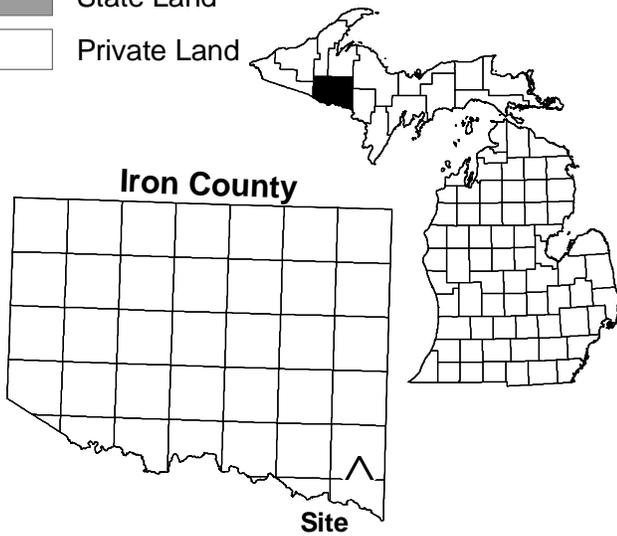
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Section 33, T42N, R31W Mastodon Township

- State Forest Boundary
- Easement offered to DNR (30 ft. x 44.1 ft.)
- State Land
- Private Land



Regional Location



DNR -- Finance & Operations Division
Real Estate Services Section
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