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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

July 13, 2015

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Sale of Surplus DNR-Managed Land
Presque Isle River Flooding Dam – Gogebic County
Land Transaction Case #20150003

Sale: Four parcels totaling 6 acres

Sale Price: \$1.00

Description: Gogebic County, Marenisco Township, T46N, R43W, Section 32:
As more particularly described on the signed Land Transaction Agreement.

Applicant(s): Marenisco Township, Marenisco, Michigan

Authority: Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) August 4, 2015, calendar, and is eligible for approval on August 11, 2015. The transaction is also posted in a local newspaper as required by statute.

Acquired: Parcel 1: Acquired in 1958 as a gift from Gogebic County and as a purchase with State Game Funds.
Parcel 2: Acquired in 1958 with State Game Funds.
Parcel 3: Acquired in 1958 as a gift from Gogebic County and as a purchase with State Game Funds.
Parcel 4: Acquired in 1958 with State Game Funds.

Minerals: The state does not own mineral rights to this property.

Comments: The Department constructed the Presque Isle River Dam in the 1950s, at the request of Gogebic County in order to provide waterfowl and fish habitat. Gogebic County gifted the majority of the property to the Department with the remainder being purchased from private parties for \$175. The completed project created an 875-acre lake on lands that are primarily managed by the United States Forest Service.

In 2013, a steel beam broke and both gates were found to be severely corroded and in need of replacement. The needed repairs are currently nearing completion and are anticipated to cost \$126,000. Because this site is subject to intense spring flood flows and has hosted at least two

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other dams that have washed out, the Department considered removal of the dam and associated flooding. Marenisco Township has asked to acquire the dam's property once the needed beam and gate repairs have been completed. The township's proximity to the dam will permit them to manage the site more cost-efficiently than the Department. At the same time, the presence of the dam will continue to maintain the flooding for use by waterfowl and outdoor recreationalists.

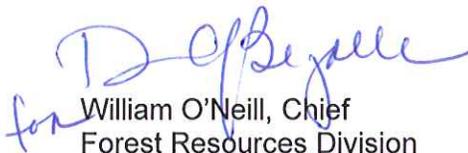
The proposed sale to the applicant was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on January 13, 2015. Proceeds will be deposited into the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF). The LEFF allows the Department to sell rights in land and deposit the proceeds in a fund which can then be used to acquire replacement property.

- Recommendation:
- (1) That the land be sold to the applicant for \$1.
 - (2) That the proceeds of the sale be deposited in the LEFF.

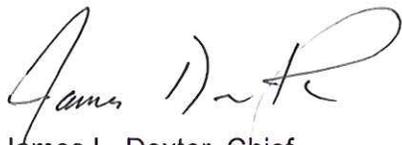
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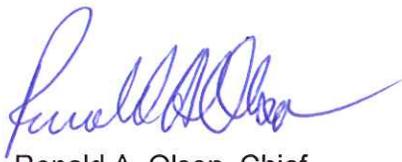
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I approve the staff recommendations.

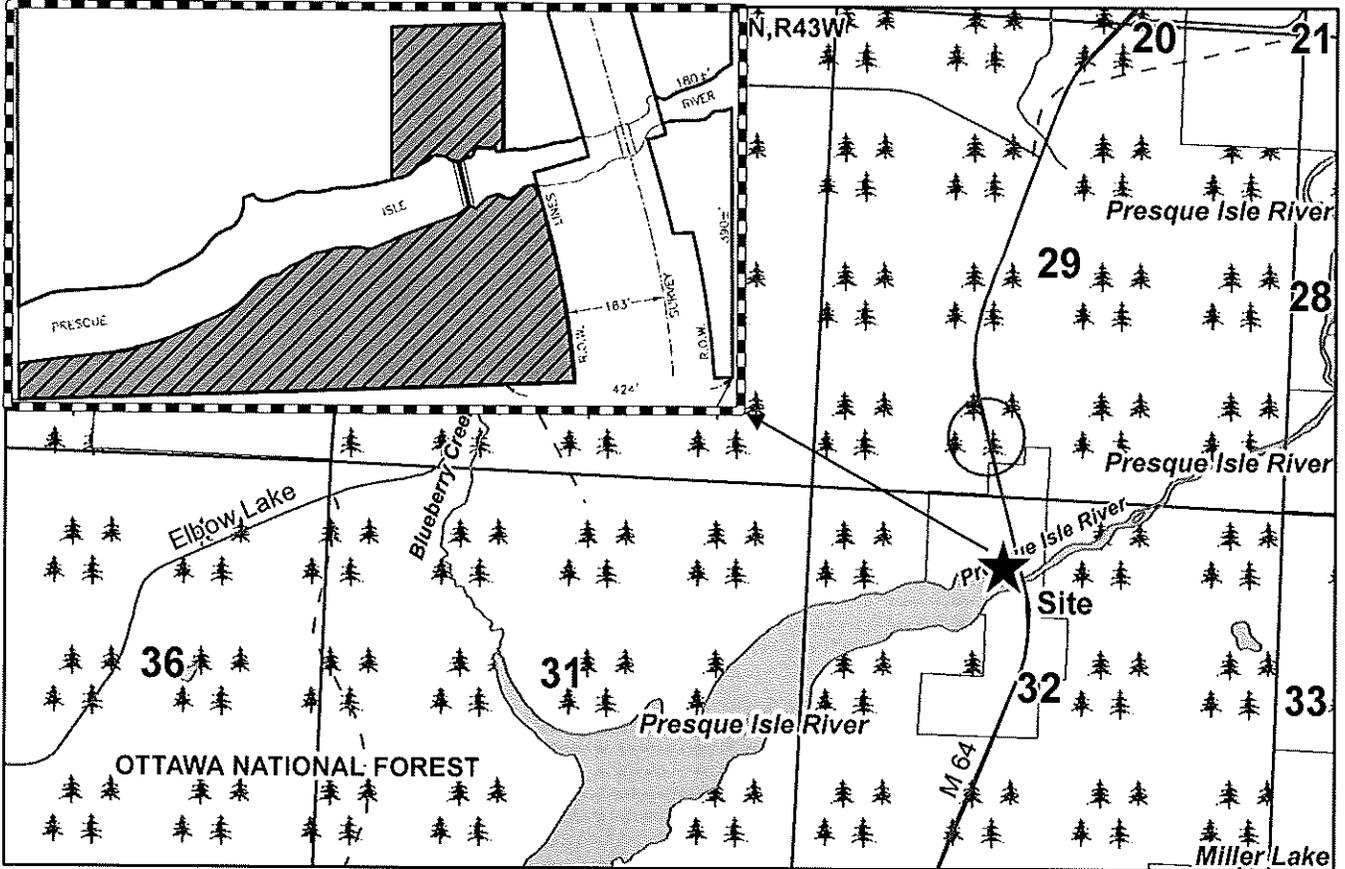
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Date Approved

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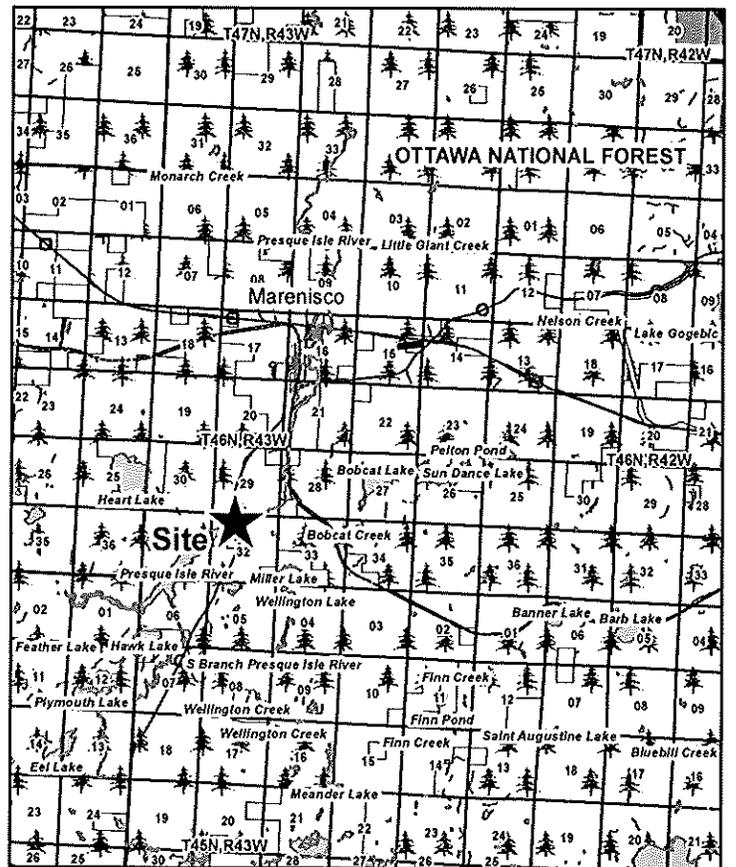
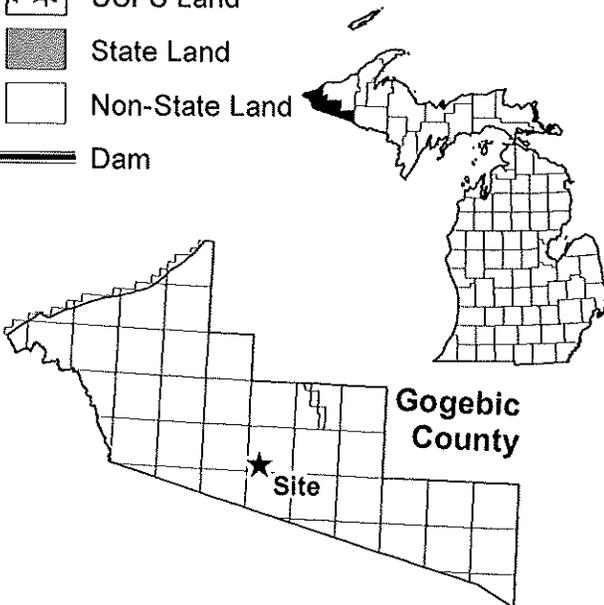
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Section 32, T46N, R43W

Marenisco Township

- State Forest Boundary
- DNR Land to be Sold (6 acres m/l)
- USFS Land
- State Land
- Non-State Land
- Dam



Regional Location



DNR -- Finance & Operations Division
Real Estate Services Section
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