



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT
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DIRECTOR

May 10, 2010

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Acquisition
Grayling Management Unit – Crawford County
The Yarema Tract
Land Transaction Case #20090219

Purchase: 120 acres, more or less of forested land – \$200,000.00

Description: Crawford County, Lovells Township, T28N, R01W,
Section 15: SE ¼ of the SW ¼
Section 22: N ½ of the NW ¼

Sellers: James Yarema, Troy, Michigan
Terrance Yarema, Troy, Michigan
Gerald Yarema, Troy, Michigan

Property Taxes: The property taxes for 2009 were \$1,914.01

Authority: Part 19 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources and Environment's (Department) May 24, 2010 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on May 31, 2010.

Comments: The offered private parcel is located in north Crawford County, approximately 17 miles northeast of the City of Grayling.

This 120-acre tract of forested recreational land provides multiple benefits to the Department's mission. Of these benefits, it is important to note that the property is located immediately adjacent to presently occupied Kirtland's warbler habitat; is within a deer wintering area; is completely surrounded by State-owned land; and has frontage on a tributary to Big Creek, a high quality designated trout stream and natural river. The tract contains a 648 sq. ft. cabin, 324 sq. ft. garage, and another small cabin in disrepair, all of which will be removed by the Forest Management Division.

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This acquisition will eliminate the need for the Department to monitor and maintain two miles of private boundary interface within the State Forest. In addition, it will contribute to the Department's goals of consolidating State ownership, limiting land fragmentation, securing fishery and wildlife habitat, enhancing forest management, and increasing public recreation opportunities.

The sellers will convey any mineral rights that they may hold relative to the offered land.

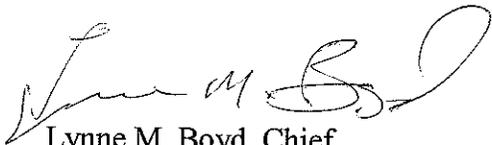
Recommendation: That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the following funds as they are available: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Northern Lower Peninsula Eco-Region Consolidation Project, Act 278, Public Acts of 2008; Act 23, Public Acts of 2009; the State Forest Land Consolidation Initiative Project, Act 59 of 2007; or the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund.



David E. Freed, Chief
Land and Facilities



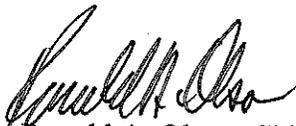
Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division



Lynne M. Boyd, Chief
Forest Management Division



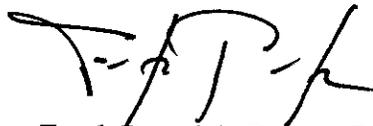
Kelley D. Smith, Ph.D., Chief
Fisheries Division



Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Recreation Division



Mindy Koch, Deputy Director
Resource Management



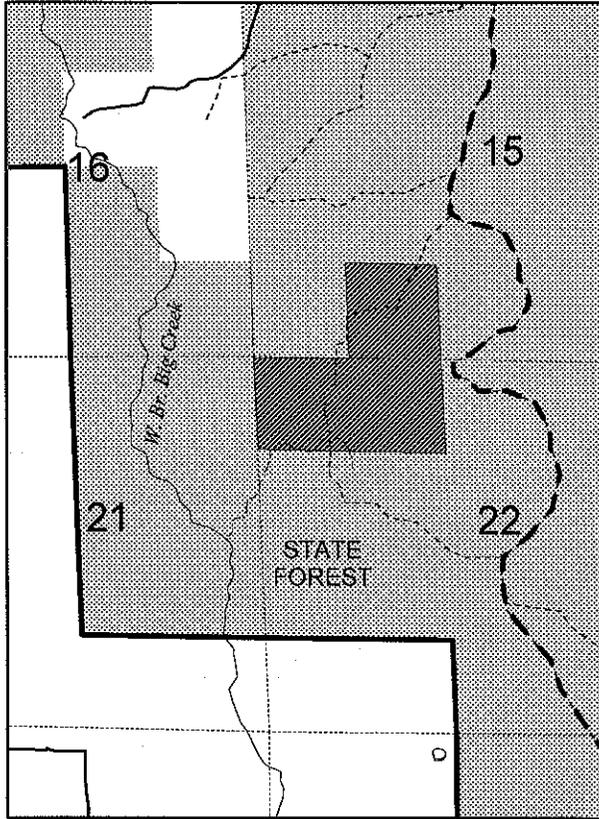
Frank Ruswick, Deputy Director
Stewardship

I approve the staff recommendation.

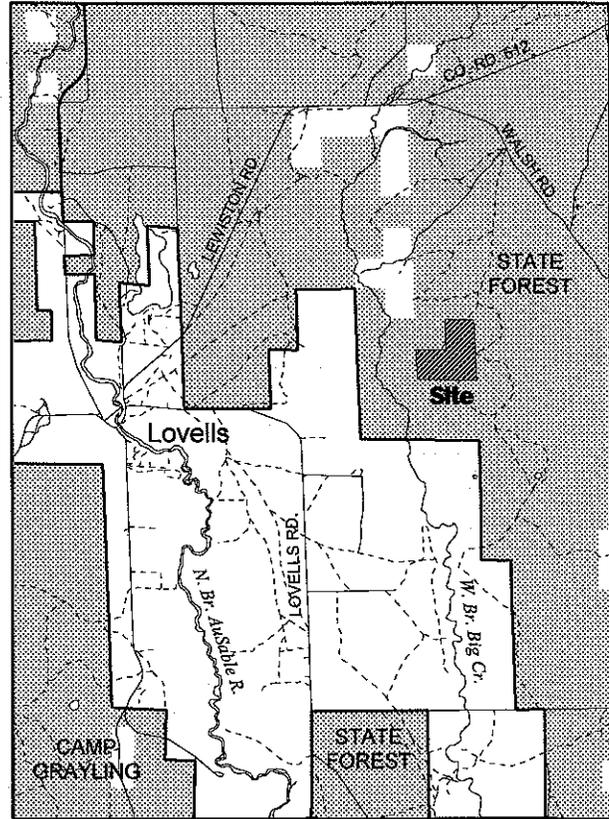
Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

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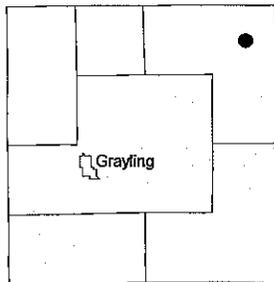


Sections 15 and 22, T28N, R01W
 Lovells Township



Regional Location

- State Forest boundary
- - Snowmobile Trail 409
- ▨ Land offered to DNRE (120.00 acres - \$200,000.00)
- ▤ State land
- Private land



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