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DIRECTOR

September 13, 2010

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Acquisition
Traverse City Management Unit – Kalkaska County
The Arbor Investment Company Tract
Land Transaction Case #20100055

Purchase: 8.63 acres – \$45,000.00 (To be partially funded with a contribution of \$19,100 from the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy.)

Description: Kalkaska County, Kalkaska Township, T27N, R7W, Section 18: the fractional NW ¼ of the NW ¼, described as: Commencing at the NW corner of said Section 18; thence S89°40'11" E along the North line of said section 513.66 ft. to the West 1/8 line of said section; thence S01°27'54" W along said 1/8 line 575.11 ft. to the point of beginning; thence continuing S01°27'54"W along said 1/8 line 746.53 ft. to the North 1/8 line of said section; thence N89°32'39" W along said North 1/8 line 500.32 ft. to the West line of said section; thence; N00°53'14" E along said West line 745.32 ft.; thence S89°40'11" E 507.86 ft. to the said point of beginning, containing 8.63 acres. Subject to and together with a 100.00 foot wide easement for ingress/egress and the installation and maintenance of public and private utilities, described as lying 100.00 ft. west of and adjacent to the following described line: Commencing at the NW corner of said Section 18; thence S89°40'11" E along the North line of said Section 513.66 ft. to the West 1/8 line of said section and the point of beginning of said easement East line; thence S01°27'54" W along said 1/8 line 1321.64 ft. to the North 1/8 line and the point of ending.

Sellers: Arbor Investment Company, Kalkaska, Michigan

Property Taxes: The prorated property taxes for 2009 were \$412.29

Authority: Part 21 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department's September 27, 2010 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on October 4, 2010.

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Comments: The offered private parcel is located in northwest Kalkaska County, a mile west of Kalkaska along M-72. The parcel is located within the Traverse City Management Unit, and connects 120 acres of State-owned land to the east with thousands of contiguous acres of State-owned land to the west. This connection will permanently secure an existing snowmobile trail that is of local and regional significance.

The parcel is best described as rolling, and is partially wooded with conifers and typical northern hardwoods including oak, maple, birch and beech. Mineral rights are already owned by the State.

The sellers are reserving an easement to maintain access from M-72 to the remainder of their ownership located south of the offered parcel. This easement will also provide access to the offered parcel across the parcel to the north that is also being retained by the sellers.

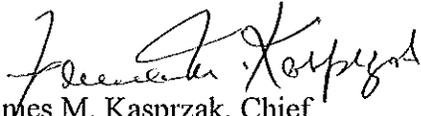
Support for acquisition of this parcel has been expressed by private citizens, and various recreational-trail-oriented constituencies. Due to the high level of support for this acquisition, a pledge of monetary support toward the purchase has been received from the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (\$19,100.00).

Acquisition of this private tract will consolidate State ownership, and secure public recreational opportunities in a popular location.

Recommendation: (1) That this tract be approved for purchase with payment of the State portion in the amount of \$25,900.00 to be made from funds appropriated under the Snowmobile Trail Grant Program for the year 2009-2010.

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(2) That the contribution of \$19,100.00 from the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy be accepted with appreciation and applied to the purchase price.



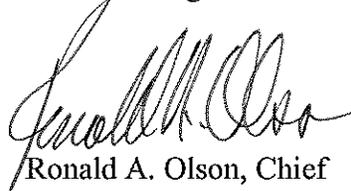
James M. Kasprzak, Chief
Administration Division



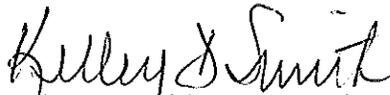
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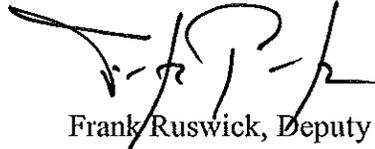
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Resource Management



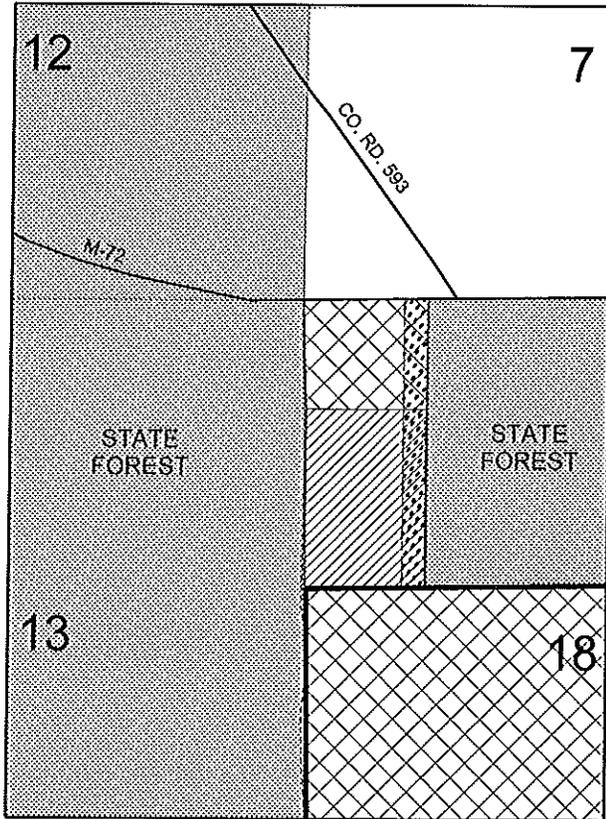
Frank Ruswick, Deputy Director
Stewardship

I approve the staff recommendation.

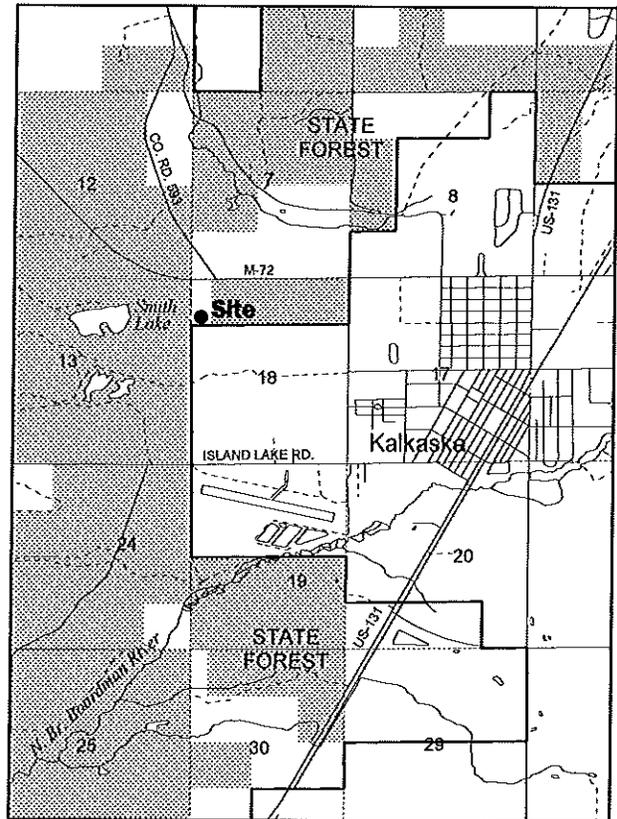
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Director

Date Approved

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Section 18, T27N, R07W, Kalkaska Township



Regional Location

- State Forest boundary
- Land offered to DNRE (8.63 acres - \$45,000.00)
- Easement for ingress and egress (100 feet wide)
- Other land owned by seller
- State land
- Private land

