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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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RODNEY A. STOKES
DIRECTOR

May 16, 2011

TO: Rodney A. Stokes, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Easement Exchange
Crystal Falls Management Unit – Iron County
Land Transaction Case #20090222

Applicants: George L. and Sandra L. Olson, Norway, Michigan.

Private Easement Offered In Exchange: Iron County, Mastodon Township, T41N, R32W:
within Government Lot 3 of Section 8. As more particularly described on exhibits in the case file.

Fee Schedule Value: \$760.00
Payment at Closing: \$2,840.00

Total Compensation To be Provided by Applicant: \$3,600.00

State Easement Desired In Exchange: Iron County, Mastodon Township, T41N, R32W:
within the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ and SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 9; and within Government Lot 3 of Section 8 as more specifically described on exhibits in the case file.

Fee Schedule Value: \$3,600.00

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department's May 31, 2011 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on June 7, 2011.

Comments: The applicants desire to acquire an easement from the Department to formalize access to their property and cabin by way of an existing forest road and rail-trail crossing that they have been using since the late 1970s.

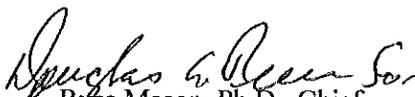
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In exchange for the desired easement, the applicants are offering a reciprocal easement across part of their land. This offered easement will provide public and management access from the State-owned recreation trail corridor that bisects the applicants' property, to the south side of Deadman's Lake. At this location the trail corridor is well above the surrounding terrain. In order to permit travel to and from the trail by way of the offered easement the applicants will construct an earthen ramp off of the trail corridor.

The State lands over which the desired easements will run were acquired by tax reversion in 1939 and by exchange in 1984. The funds that are to be received at closing will be deposited into the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF), which is used to purchase land for public recreation and natural resources management. Deposit of said proceeds will not cause the fund to exceed \$2,500,000.00, as stipulated by legislation.

The proposed land exchange was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on October 14, 2010.

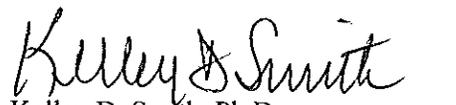
- Recommendations:
- (1) That the exchange of easements be approved, under authority of Part 21, Act 451 of 1994, as amended, with the proceeds to be deposited into the LEFF.
 - (2) That approval of this transaction is contingent upon the applicant completing the construction of the earthen ramp as specified on the Land Transaction Agreement.


Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division


Lynne M. Boyd, Chief
Forest Management Division


James L. Dexter, Acting Chief
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Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Parks and Recreation Division


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


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Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

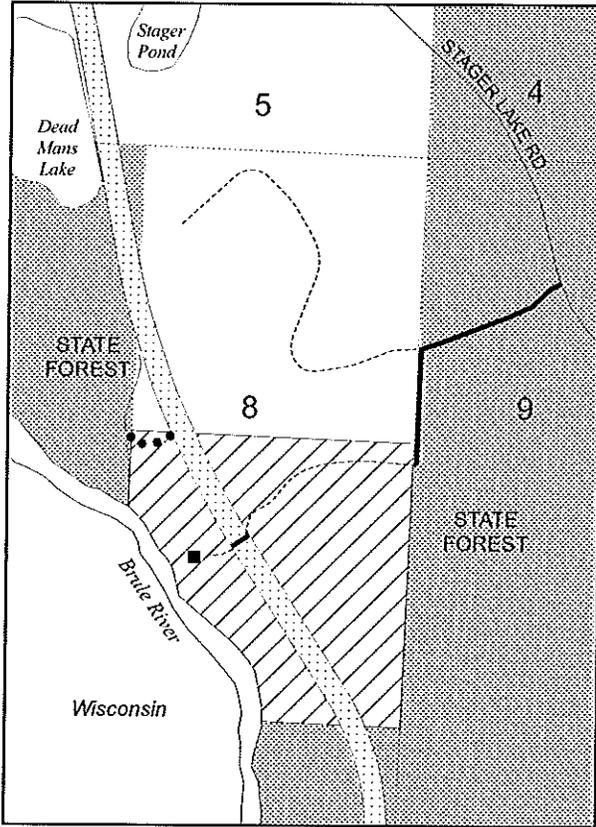
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Date Approved

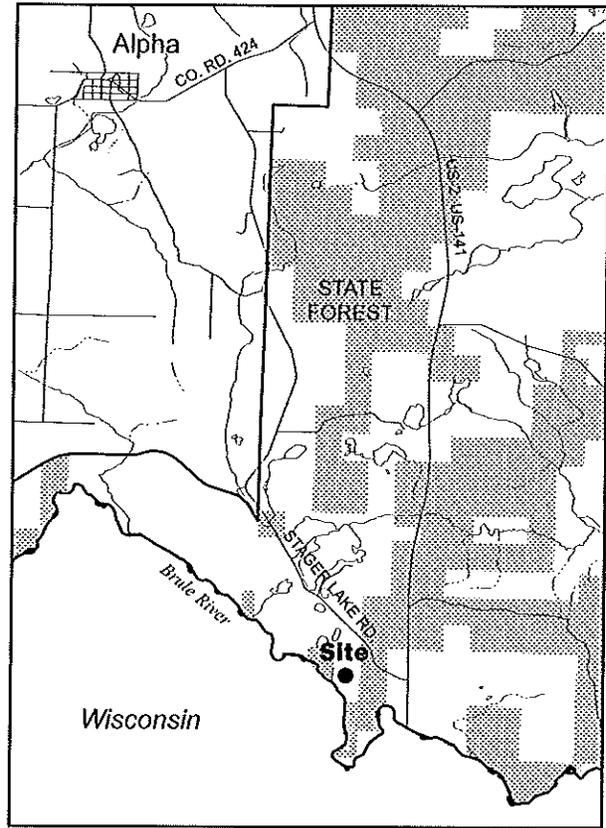
STATE FOREST EASEMENT EXCHANGE

Crystal Falls Management Unit - Iron County

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Sections 8 and 9, T41N, R32W
Mastodon Township



Regional Location

- Easement desired from DNR in exchange (20 ft. by 1,199.05 ft.)
- Easement offered to DNR in exchange (40 ft. by 93.15 ft. and 20 ft. by 131.82 ft.)
- ▨ Applicants' land
- ▤ State Line Trail corridor (DNR)
- ▧ State land
- Private land
- Cabin

