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February 17, 2015

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Conveyance of DNR-Managed Land for Public Use, and Gift of Land and Easement
Shingleton Management Unit – Alger County
Land Transaction Case #20010136

Applicant: Burt Township, Grand Marais, Michigan

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$3.00/acre, swamp tax, being \$240.00
The parcels involved in the exchange are north of the Mason-Arenac line and will result in a decrease of 180 counted acres.

Excluded acres: 80 acres due to the land being gifted to the Department and the land accessing other land owned by the Department.

Township Land to be Gifted: 80 acres

Location: Alger County, Burt Township, T49N, R13W, Section 28:
The SE1/4 of the NE1/4.

State Lands to be Conveyed: 180 acres

Location: Alger County, Burt Township, T49N, R13W, Sections 22 and 27:
As more completely described within the case file.

Value: The desired land will be conveyed without monetary consideration, but subject to a reverter.

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) March 10, 2015, calendar, and is eligible for approval on March 17, 2015. The transaction is also posted in a local newspaper as required by statute.

Comments:

The lands involved in these transactions are located near the northeast corner of Alger County, four miles southeast of Grand Marais.

The desired State lands were acquired by tax reversion in 1939. In 1946, the Michigan Department of Aeronautics approached the Department of Conservation (DOC) on behalf of the Canadian government with the request that the DOC lease Burt Township the desired lands for public airport purposes so that Canadian airplanes that were overflying this area would have an emergency airstrip available. This lease was executed on June 20, 1947, and was to remain in effect until the land was no longer needed for a public airport. The proposed public use deed will convey this land to the township subject to a reverter so that the land will revert back to the State at such time as it is no longer being used as a public airport. The public use deed will also reserve an access easement to the State so that the department's ability to access adjacent State-owned lands will be retained.

Burt Township has offered to gift a nearby 80-acre parcel that it owns to the department. This parcel will provide access to an isolated 40-acre State-owned parcel. In addition, the township has offered to gift several access easements to the State so that the department's ability to access adjacent State-owned lands will be secured.

The Minerals Management staff has determined the State will retain its mineral rights.

The proposed land exchange was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on November 18, 2014.

Local Engagement: Burt Township is the applicant and supports these transactions.

- Recommendation(s):
1. That the 180 acres be conveyed to the applicant for use as a public airport subject to:
 - a. a reverter interest, so that the property reverts to the State when it is no longer being used for public airport purposes.
 - b. a reserved access easement.
 2. That the State accept the gift of the 80-acre parcel and access easements.
 3. That the State retain mineral rights and aboriginal antiquities.

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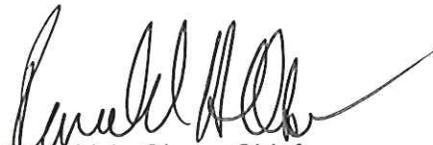
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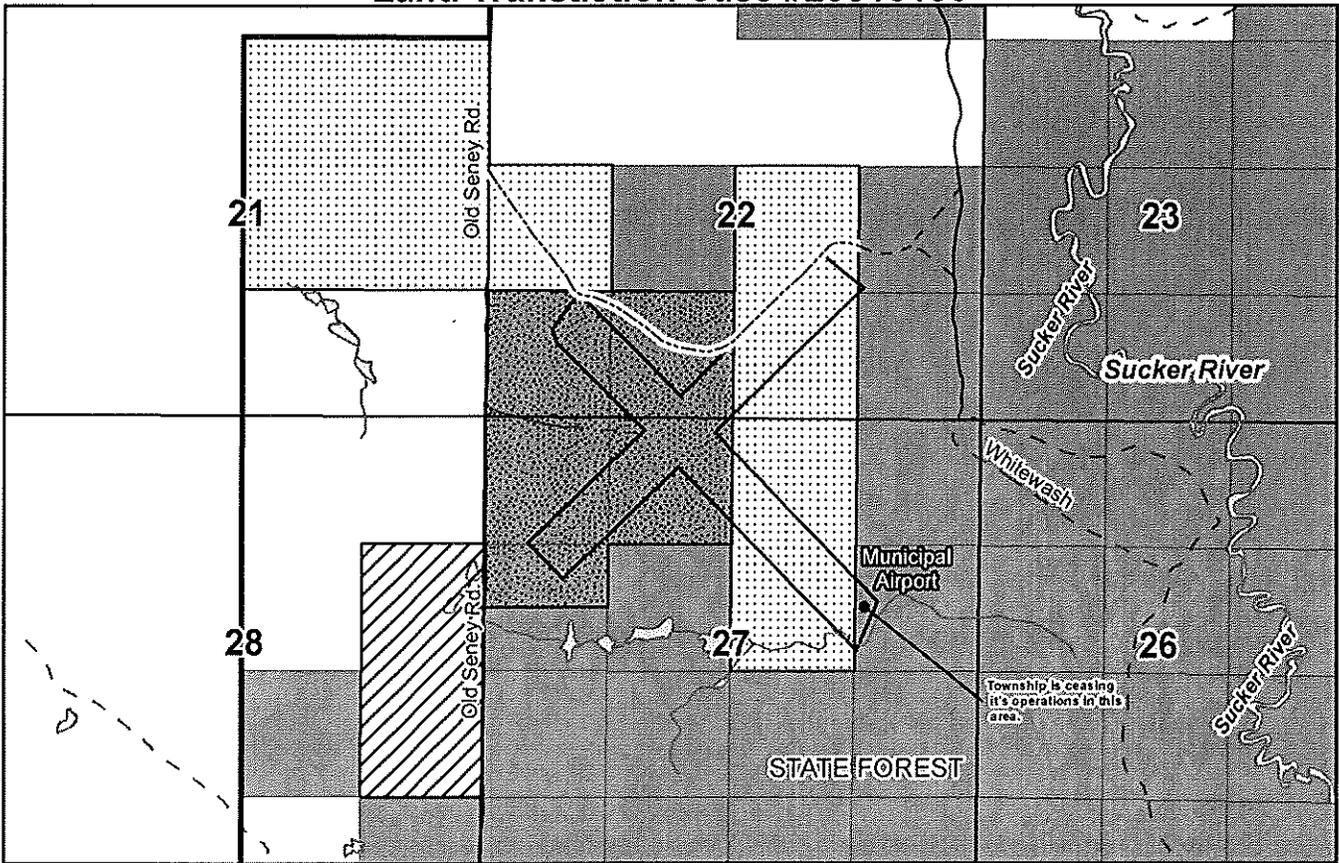
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I approve the staff recommendations.

Keith Creagh
Director

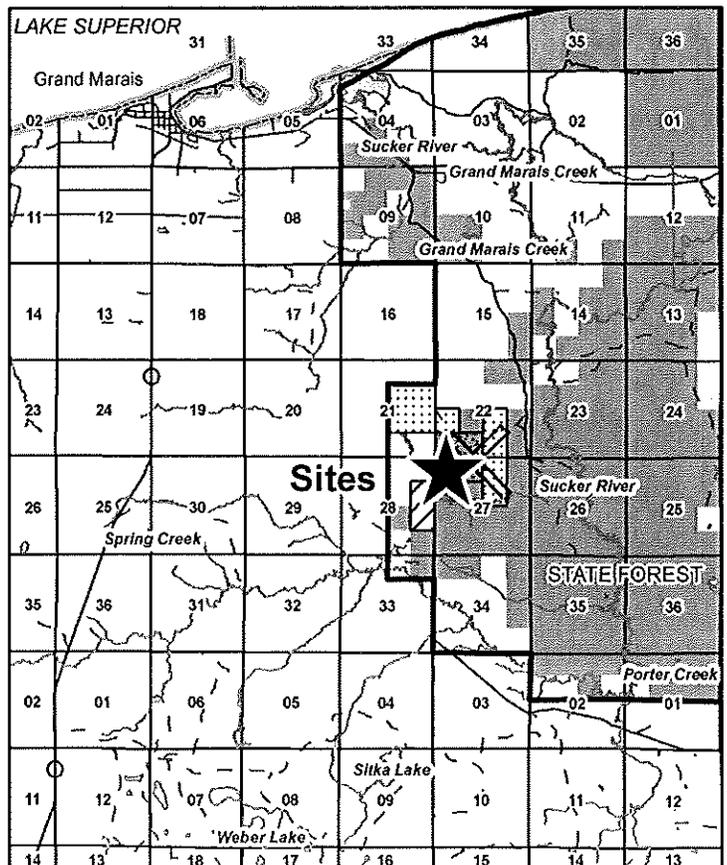
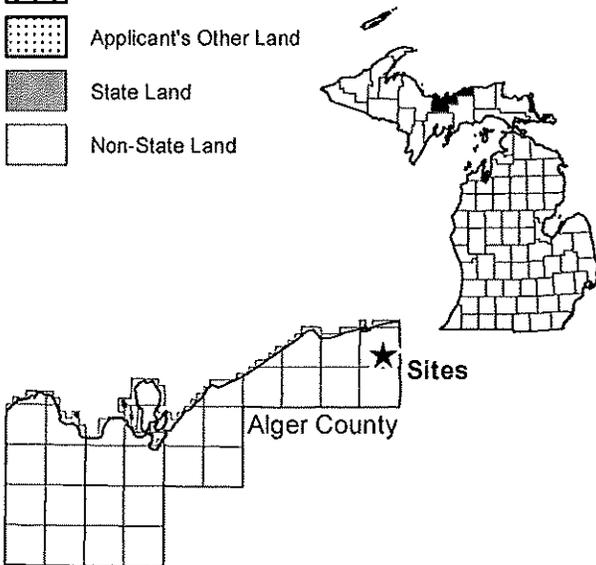
Date Approved

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AND GIFT OF LAND AND EASEMENT
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**Sections 22, 27 & 28, T49N, R13W
Burt Township**

- State Forest Boundary
- Easement to be Retained by and Gifted to the DNR
- DNR Land Desired for Public Use (180 acres)
- Gift of Land to DNR (80 acres)
- Applicant's Other Land
- State Land
- Non-State Land



Regional Location

