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March 14, 2016

TO: Dr. William E. Moritz, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Exchange
Escanaba Management Unit – Menominee and Delta Counties
Kwak Exchange
Land Transaction Case #20130296

Applicant: Clarence and Paula Kwak, Freedom, Wisconsin

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$320.00. The parcels involved in the exchange are north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in a decrease of 80 counted acres.
Excluded acres: 80 acres are excluded as a part of this transaction because the offered land provides access to other state-owned land, and it is enrolled in the Commercial Forest Program.

Private Land Offered in Exchange: 80.0 acres
Location: Delta County, Maple River Township, T43N, R22W, Section 4:
The SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4; and the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4.

Exchange Value: The offered 80-acre parcel is of equal size to the desired state-owned land. The parcels have comparable land characteristics and timber values.

State Land Desired in Exchange: 80.0 acres
Location: Menominee County, Harris Township, T40N, R25W, Section 18:
The W 1/2 of the NE 1/4.

Exchange Value: The desired 80-acre parcel is of equal size to the offered state-owned land. The parcels have comparable land characteristics and timber values.

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) April 5, 2016, calendar, and is eligible for approval on April 12, 2016.

Comments:

The offered 80 acres adjoin state forest land on six sides and will eliminate one mile of private boundary interface. Acquisition of this parcel will provide permanent legal access from County Road 201 and across the Thornton Road two-track to several thousand acres of state forest lands. This exchange will consolidate ownership and significantly improve access to state forest lands. This property is currently owned by Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P. and will be conveyed to the applicant so that they can convey it to the state. Plum Creek is reserving a short easement across a small strip of the offered parcel so they can continue to access the land they are retaining.

The desired lands were acquired by tax-reversion 1940.

The state will reserve mineral rights and a royalty interest to sand and gravel to the desired land and the applicant will retain the mineral rights to the offered land.

The proposed land exchange was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on February 18, 2016.

Engagement:

Menominee and Delta Counties, and Maple River and Harris Townships have been notified about this exchange in writing.

Recommendation(s):

1. That the exchange be approved with the state reserving aboriginal antiquities, mineral rights, and a royalty interest to sand and gravel.
2. That the offered property be dedicated as part of the Escanaba Management Unit.

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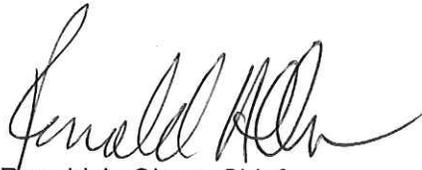
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I approve the staff recommendations.

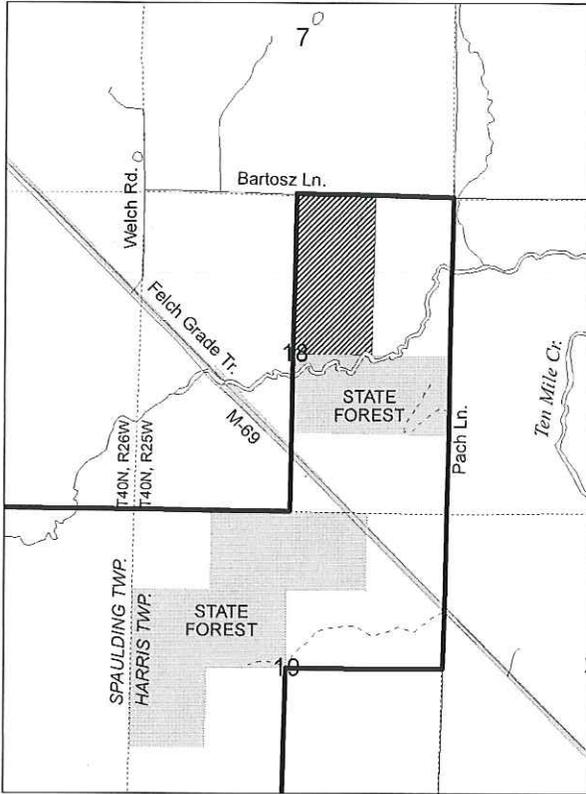
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Date Approved

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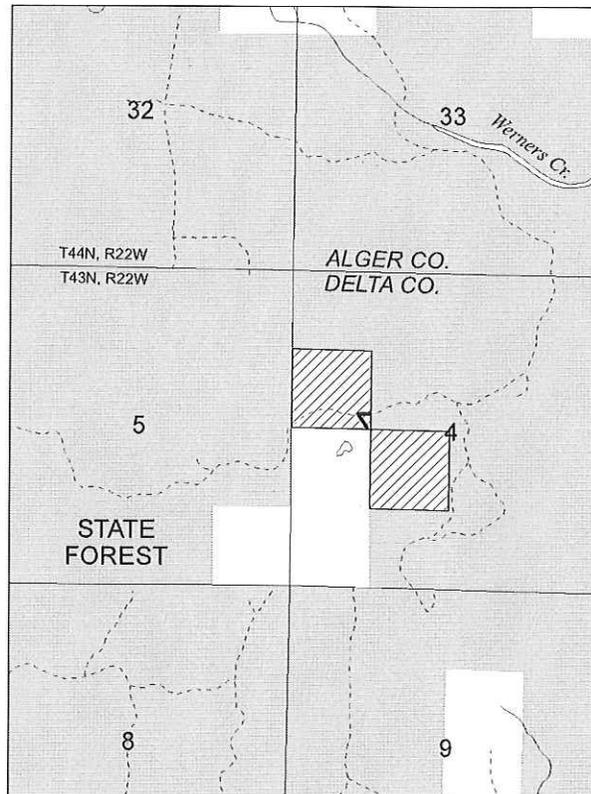
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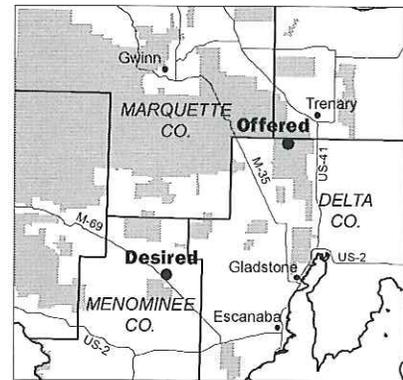
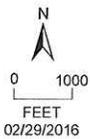
Section 18, T40N, R25W
Harris Township, Menominee County

- State land desired from DNR (80 acres)
- State land
- Private land
- State Forest boundary



Section 4, T43N, R22W
Maple River Township, Delta County

- Land offered to DNR in exchange (80 acres)
- Easement reservation (66 ft. wide)



DNR Project Boundary Areas