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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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DIRECTOR

December 14, 2015

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Exchange
Traverse City Management Unit – Benzie & Manistee Counties
Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy Exchange
Land Transaction Case #20140152

Applicant: Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, Traverse City, Michigan

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$440.00. The parcels involved in the exchange are north of the Mason-Arenac line and will result in a net increase of 110 counted acres.
Excluded acres: There are no excluded acres as a part of this transaction.

Private Land Offered in Exchange: 110 acres
Location: Benzie County, Benzonia Township, T26N, R14W, Section 7:
As more particularly described in the case file.

Appraised Value: \$80,000.00

State Land Desired in Exchange: 430.24 m/l acres of mineral rights only
Location: Benzie County, Blaine Township, T25N, R16W, parts of Sections 26, 34, 35, and 36
Manistee County, Pleasanton Township, T24N, R15W, part of Section 6
Manistee County, Arcadia Township, T24N, R16W, parts of Sections 1 and 3

Appraised Value: \$54,717.50

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

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

Comments: The offered 110 acres adjoins state forest land, contains good wildlife habitat and hunting opportunities, and helps to buffer the adjacent state forest land that the Platte River flows through.

The desired is state-owned mineral rights under surface ownership owned by the applicant. The land was acquired through tax reversion in 1932, 1939 and 1962. The surface rights were disposed of from 1941 to 1963. The Department acquired a conservation easement on the majority of the desired land from Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC) in 2007. The Office of Minerals Management had approved GTRLC's application MPA-500 for the mineral rights on May 12, 2014.

The state will convey mineral rights to the desired land and the applicant will convey their mineral rights to the offered land.

The proposed land exchange was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on February 19, 2015.

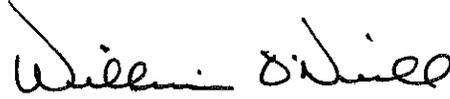
Engagement: Benzie County has passed a resolution of support for this exchange. All other local units of government have expressed no concerns.

Recommendation(s):

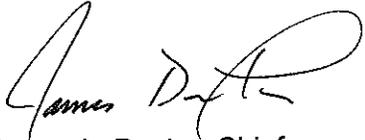
1. That the exchange be approved, with the state reserving aboriginal antiquities.
2. That the offered property be dedicated as part of the Traverse City Management Unit.



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I approve the staff recommendations.

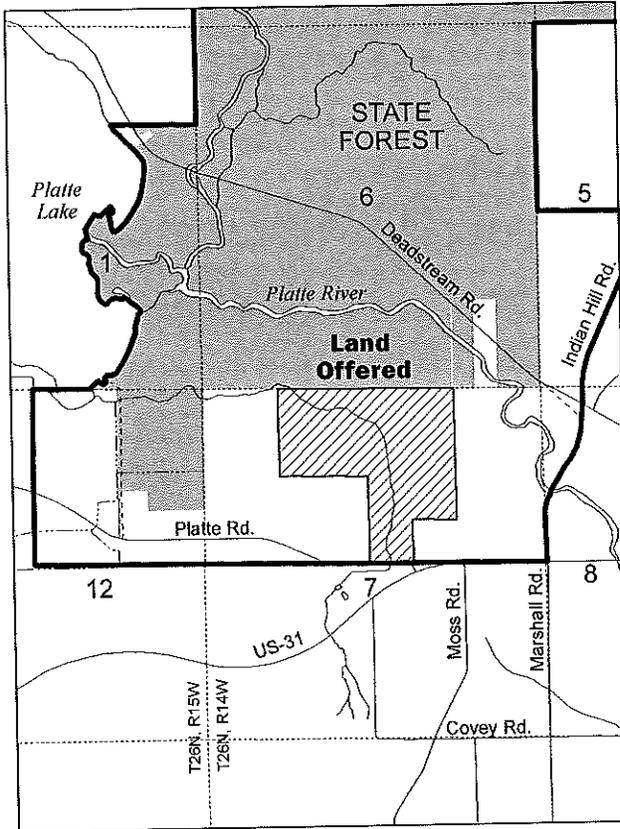
Keith Creagh
Director

Date Approved

STATE FOREST LAND EXCHANGE

Traverse City Management Unit – Benzie and Manistee Counties

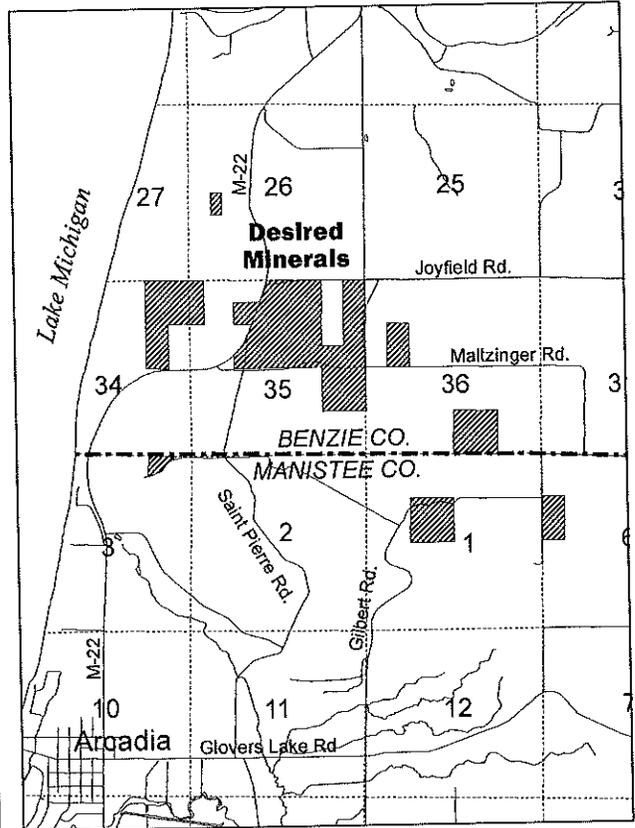
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Section 7, T26N, R14W
Benzonia Township, Benzie County

- Land offered to DNR in exchange (110 acres)
- State land
- Private land
- DNR Project Boundary

0 1000 ft.



Benzie County:
Sections 26, 34-36, T25N, R16W, Blaine Twp.

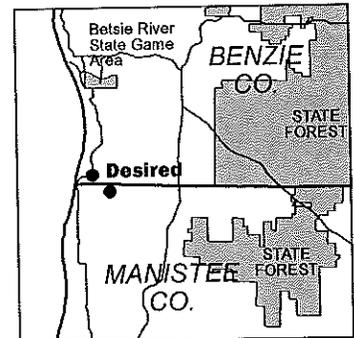
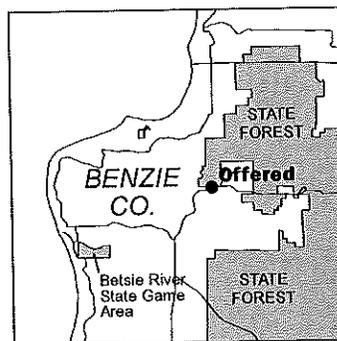
Manistee County:
Section 6, T24N, R15W, Pleasanton Twp.
Sections 1 and 3, T24N, R16W, Arcadia Twp.

- State-owned mineral rights desired from DNR
- Private land

0 2000 ft.



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DNR Project Boundary Areas