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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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DIRECTOR

April 18, 2016

TO: Dr. William E. Moritz, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Grant of Easement  
Ironwood to Bessemer Trail – Gogebic County  
Land Transaction Case #20160030

Conveyance: Easement to construct a 4.25 mile-long portion of a recreational trailway between the City of Ironwood and the City of Bessemer.

Description: Gogebic County, Bessemer Township, T47N, R46W, Sections 16, 17, and 18; and, Ironwood Township, T47N, R47W, Section 13: being that portion of the Ironwood to Bessemer Rail-Trail property, being variable in width, and over and across the following described property located within the City of Bessemer, Bessemer Township, and Ironwood Township, Gogebic County, Michigan, described as:

T47N, R46W, Section 16, NENE, NWNE, SWNE, SENW, SWNW, NWNW.  
T47N, R46W, Section 17, SENE, NENE, NWNE, NENW, NWNW.  
T47N, R46W, Section 18, NENE, NWNE, NENW, NWNW, SWNW.  
T47N, R47W, Section 13, SENE, SWNE, SENW, SWNW, NWSW.

Applicant: The Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners, Bessemer, Michigan

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) May 3, 2016, calendar, and is eligible for approval on May 10, 2016.

Management Purpose: This property will be managed as part of a non-motorized trail along the former Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Railroad corridor between the City of Ironwood and the City of Bessemer.

Comments: Parks and Recreation Division has partnered with Michigan Western Gateway Trail Authority and the Gogebic County Road Commission (GCRC) to develop a 4.25 mile-long second phase of a non-motorized trail that is proposed to eventually extend from the Montreal River at the City of Ironwood to Sunday Lake in the City of Wakefield.

The trail construction will be funded with a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant. These are federal funds available through the

Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). To be eligible for the federal funds, the GCRC must show it has control of the property. The grant of this easement will ensure that control.

Development of this property will contribute to the Department and Division goals and strategies by providing additional public recreation opportunities.

Engagement: The Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Gogebic, and the Michigan Western Gateway Trail Authority support this grant of easement.

Recommendation: (1) That the easement be granted in recognition of the applicant constructing a non-motorized recreational trailway.

(2) That concurrent approval be given to the accompanying gift of land from the Charter Township of Ironwood.

April 18, 2016

Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief  
Wildlife Division

Debbie Begalle, Acting Chief  
Forest Resources Division

James L. Dexter, Chief  
Fisheries Division

Ronald A. Olson, Chief  
Parks and Recreation Division

William O'Neill  
Natural Resources Deputy

Mark H. Hoffman  
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

Dr. William E. Moritz  
Director

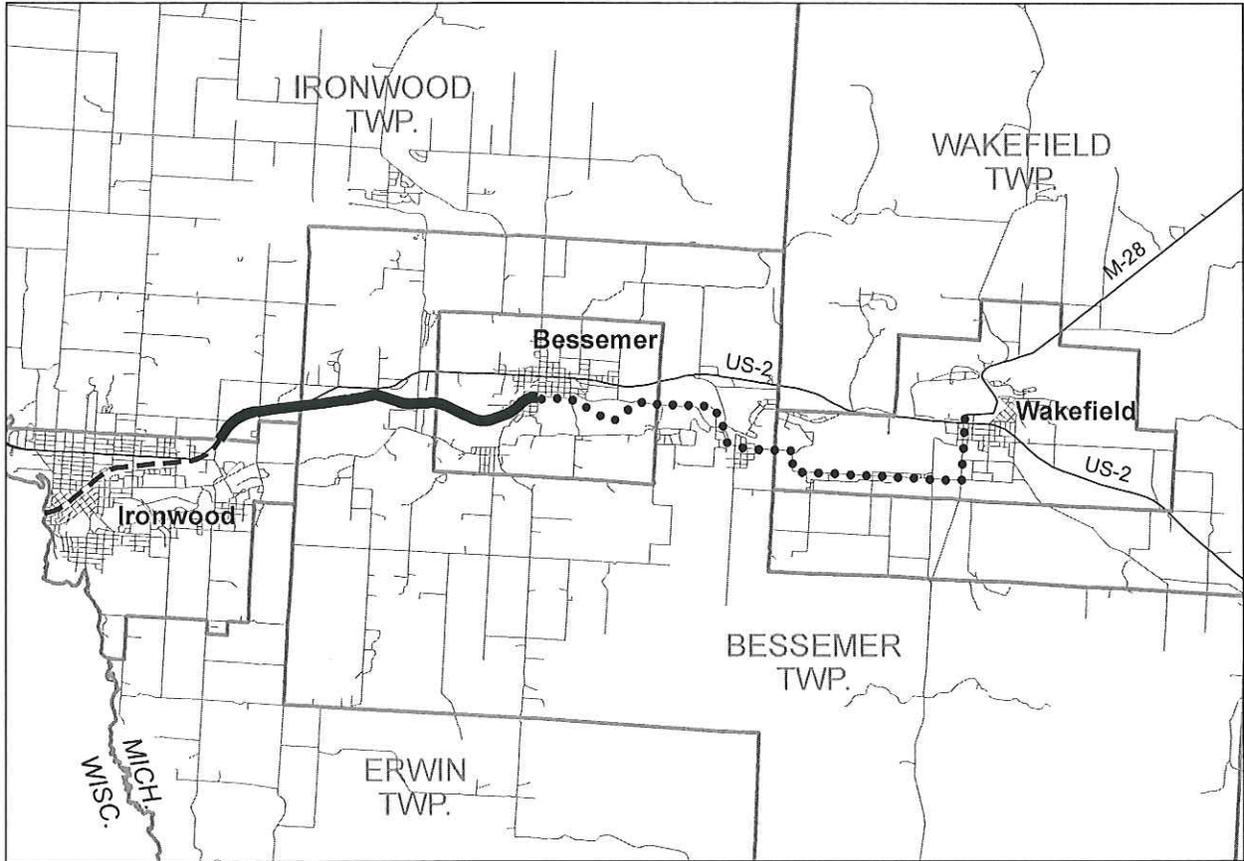
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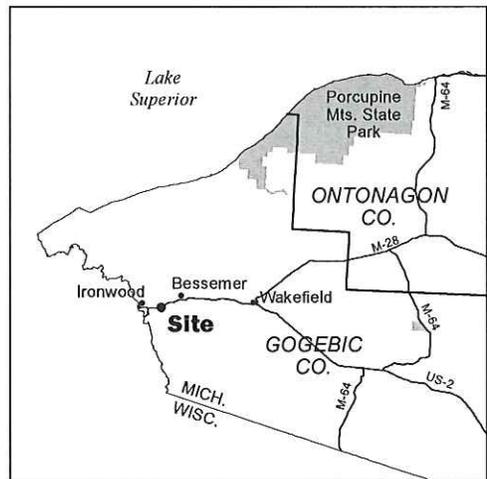
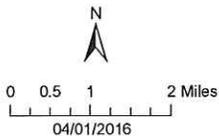
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Cities and Townships of Ironwood, Bessemer and Wakefield

- Ironwood to Bessemer Trail through City of Ironwood
- Ironwood to Bessemer Trail to be conveyed as an easement (4.25 miles)
- Proposed extension of Ironwood to Bessemer Trail



■ DNR Project Boundaries