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September 12, 2016

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transactions: Sale of Surplus DNR-Managed Land  
Houghton Lake Wildlife Research Area – Missaukee County  
Land Transaction Cases #20020149, 20020170, 20160141, 20160142

Sales: 20020149 - 0.49 acre for \$1,050.00  
20020170 - 0.21 acre for \$ 450.00  
20160141 - 0.35 acre for \$ 570.00  
20160142 - 0.76 acre for \$1,500.00

Descriptions: Missaukee County, Butterfield Township, T22N, R05W, Section 23:  
As more completely described on the signed Land Transaction Agreements.

Applicant(s): 20020149 – George and Kathleen Larkins, Royal Oak, Michigan  
20020170 – David Taylor, Merritt, Michigan  
20160141 – Richard Austin and Kathleen Blair, Merritt, Michigan  
20160142 – Gregory Schwartz, Merritt, 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) October 4, 2016, calendar, and is eligible for approval on October 11, 2016. The transaction is also posted in a local newspaper as required by statute.

Acquired: With Pittman Robertson Funds in 1959.

Minerals: The state does not own mineral rights.

Comments: The desired parcels are narrow strips of land located between the applicants' properties and Jeffs Road. The applicants and their predecessors have constructed and maintained driveways across these lands, which are used to access their properties and homes. The sale of these lands will provide permanent legal access to their properties and clear up the encroachments, which were identified as a part of the 2010 Office of Inspector General Audit and are subject to a Corrective Action Plan with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). The sales have been reviewed and approved by the USFWS, which is required due to the use of federal Pittman Robertson funds as a part of the state's acquisition of the lands in 1959.

The Land Exchange Review Committee approved the disposal of these parcels on April 29, 2003. The sale of these parcels will resolve the long-standing trespass issues.

Proceeds will be deposited into the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF) Pittman-Robertson Subfund. The LEFF allows the Department to sell rights in land and deposit the proceeds in a fund which can then be used to acquire replacement property.

Engagement: Public input was not sought for these small encroachment resolutions.

Recommendation: (1) That the lands be sold to the applicants for:

20020149 - \$1,050.00

20020170 - \$ 450.00

20160141 - \$ 570.00

20160142 - \$1,500.00

(2) That the proceeds of the sale be deposited in the LEFF Pittman-Robertson Subfund.

(3) That the state retain aboriginal antiquities.

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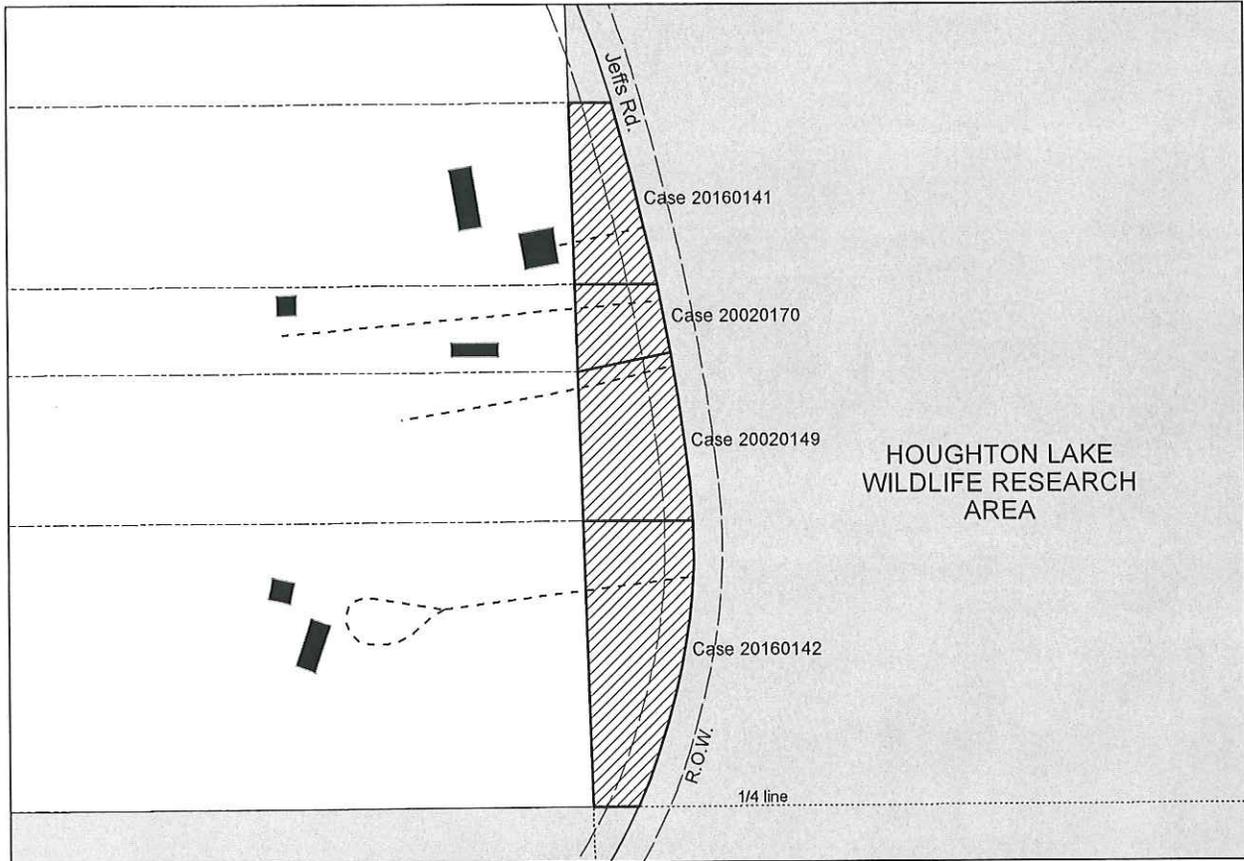
I approve the staff recommendations.

Keith Creagh  
Director

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Date Approved

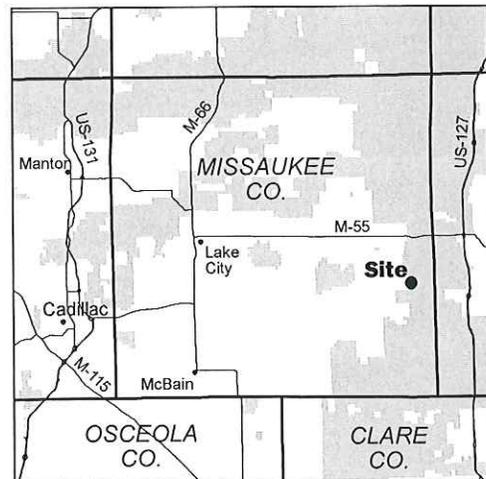
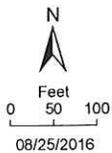
# SALE OF SURPLUS DNR-MANAGED LAND

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Section 23, T22N, R05W, Butterfield Township

- Surplus DNR land to be sold (4 parcels, 1.81 acres total)
- State Land
- Private land
- Applicants' buildings
- Applicants' driveways



DNR Project Boundaries