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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

October 12, 2015

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Forest Resources Land Acquisition
Traverse City Forest Management Unit – Benzie County
The Wistrand Tract
Land Transaction Case #20140240

Purchase: 40 acres - \$105,000.00

Funding Source: Land Exchange Facilitation Fund

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$877.63. This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 40 counted acres, there are no excluded acres as a part of this transaction.

Description: Benzie County, Weldon Township, T25N, R14W, Section 21:
The NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4.

Seller(s): Walter H. Wistrand, Jr. Trust, Weldon Township, 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 27, 2015, calendar, and is eligible for approval on November 3, 2015.

Management Purpose: The property will be managed for wildlife and recreational opportunities and the enhanced protection of Dair Creek, a tributary to the Betsie River, a designated Natural River. The property will be open to all forms of recreational uses as allowed under State Land Rules for Forest Management Units, and Natural River Districts.

Comments: The vacant 40-acre parcel is hilly upland covered in a mix of red pine plantation, mixed hardwoods, white pine and scotch pine. Approximately 1,200 feet of Dair Creek flows through the property. Dair Creek is a high quality trout stream and a designated Natural River, as it is a tributary to the Betsie River. The property is completely surrounded by state-owned land. The parcel is accessed via Landis Road, a seasonally maintained county road that is also part of the Betsie River snowmobile trail system.

The parcel provides for significant management efficiencies, protection of and excellent public access to a high quality trout stream and designated Natural River, timber, and wildlife habitat. It also consolidates state ownership.

Minerals: The Department will acquire the minerals owned by the seller.

Engagement: Benzie County and Weldon Township have voiced their support for the Department's acquisition of the Wistrand tract.

Recommendation:

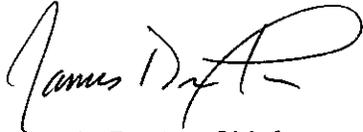
1. That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund.
2. That the property be dedicated as a part of the Traverse City Forest Management Unit.



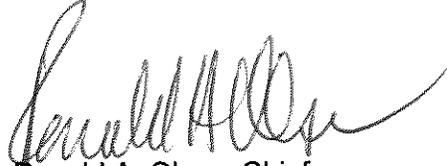
Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
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Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Parks and Recreation Division



William E. Moritz, Ph.D.
Natural Resources Deputy



Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

Keith Creagh
Director

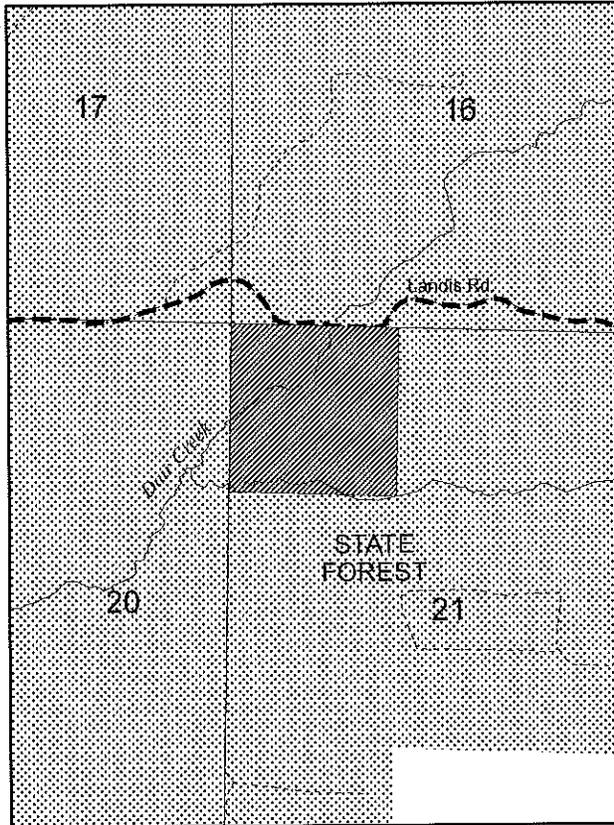
Date Approved

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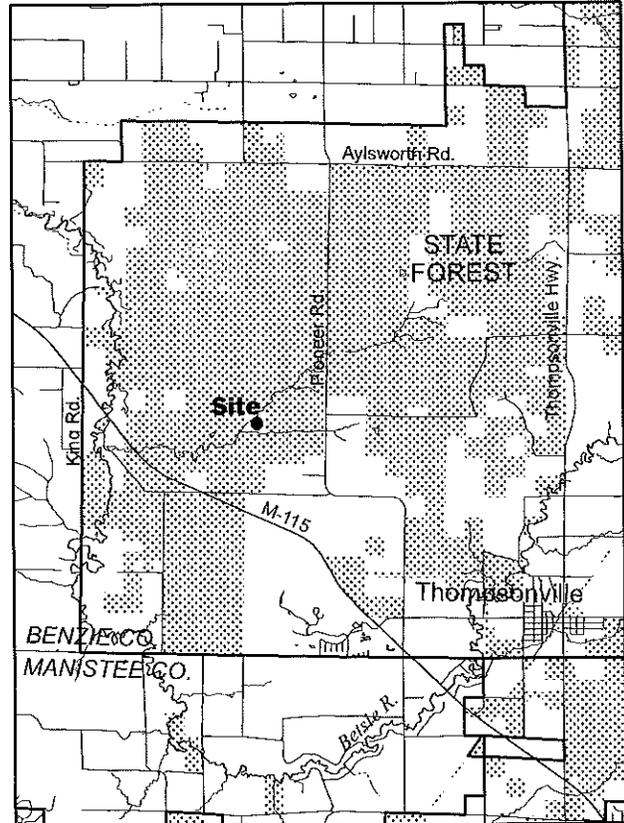
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Section 21, T25N, R14W, Weldon Township



Regional Location

-  Land to be acquired
(40.00 acres, \$105,000.00)
-  DNR Parcels
-  Private Land
-  Snowmobile trail

— State forest boundary



BENZIE COUNTY