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January 19, 2016

**TO:** Dr. William E. Moritz, Director

**INFORMATION:** Natural Resources Commission

**Transaction:** State Forest Land Exchange  
Baraga Management Unit – Houghton County  
Keweenaw Land Association Exchange  
Land Transaction Case #20140283

**Applicant:** Keweenaw Land Association, Ironwood, Michigan

**PA 240 of 2012:** PILT Estimate: \$320.00. The parcels involved in the exchange are north of the Mason-Arenac 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.

**Private Land Offered in Exchange:** 80.0 acres  
**Location:** Houghton County, Elm River Township, T51N, R36W, Section 10:  
More particularly described as the W1/2 of the SW1/4.

**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:** Houghton County, Elm River Township, T51N, R36W, Section 6:  
More particularly described as the W1/2 of the NW1/4.

**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.

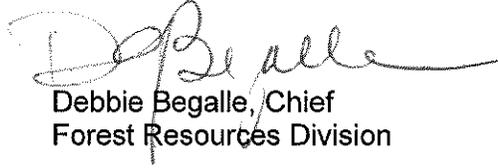
**Authority:** Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

**Notice:** This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) February 2, 2016, calendar, and is eligible for approval on February 9, 2016.

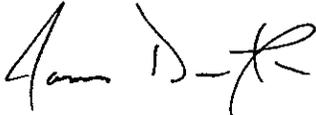
- Comments:
- The offered 80 acres adjoins state forest land on the west and south sides. Acquisition of this parcel will provide permanent legal access from the county-maintained Pike Lake Road and across the Otter Siding two-track to over 4,000 acres of otherwise landlocked state forest lands. This exchange will consolidate ownership and significantly improve access to state forest lands.
- The desired lands were acquired by exchange for tax-reverted parcels in 1947 and 1950. The state will retain any and all road easements that may currently benefit the desired parcel.
- The state does not own the mineral rights 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 August 20, 2015.
- Engagement: Houghton County and Elm River Township have been notified about this exchange in writing.
- 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 Baraga Management Unit.



Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief  
Wildlife Division



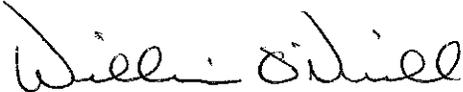
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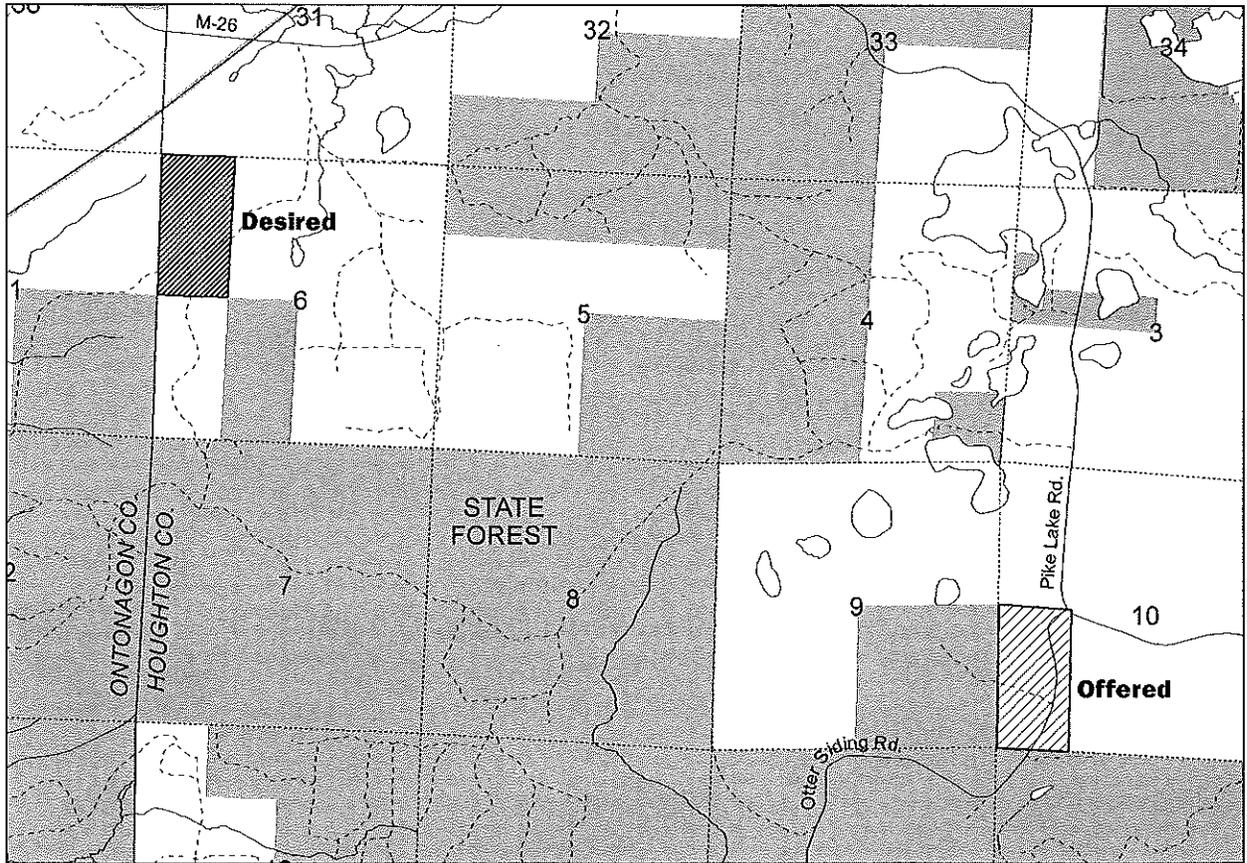
I approve the staff recommendations.

Dr. William E. Moritz  
Director

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Date Approved

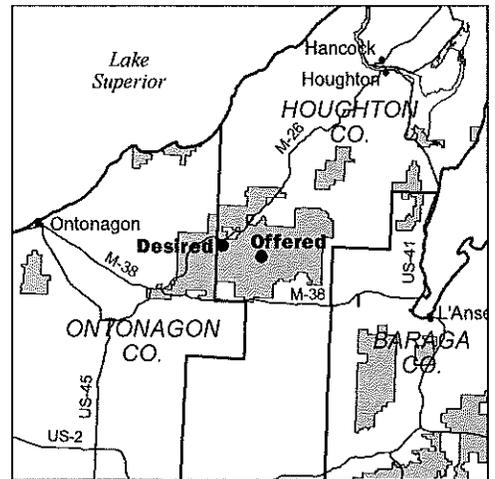
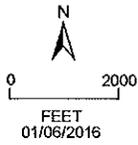
# STATE FOREST LAND EXCHANGE

Baraga Management Unit – Houghton County  
Land Transaction Case #20140283



Sections 6 and 10, T51N, R36W, Elm River Township

- State land desired from DNR (80 acres)
- Land offered to DNR in exchange (80 acres)
- State land
- Private land



DNR Project Boundaries