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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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August 15, 2016

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Trail Gift of Easement
Western Upper Peninsula District – Houghton County
Land Transaction Case #20160140

Purchase: 2,000 linear feet, more or less, of permanent trail rights.

Funding Source: Gift

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: None
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will not result in an increase of counted acres.

Description: Houghton County, Laird Township, T51N, R35W, Section 33, AND T50N, R36W, Section 1: As more completely described in the case file.

Donor: L'Anse Area Schools, L'Anse, 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) August 30, 2016, calendar, and is eligible for approval on September 6, 2016.

Management Purpose: This property will be managed as part of the Western Upper Peninsula District.

Comments: The Department was approached by L'Anse Area Schools, which owns property in Houghton County that they intend to sell. Snowmobile Trail 109 runs through the property. Prior to selling the property, the L'Anse Area Schools would like to gift the Department a permanent easement for the trail. The proposed easement spans approximately 2,000 linear feet and will provide permanent access for snowmobiles and possible multiple recreational uses in the future.

Engagement: Department staff has communicated with L'Anse Area Schools and Laird Township representatives regarding this transaction. Both groups are in favor and have indicated their support of this gift of easement.

- Recommendation:
1. That the gift of easement be accepted with appreciation.
 2. That the property be dedicated for public use and administered by the Parks and Recreation Division.



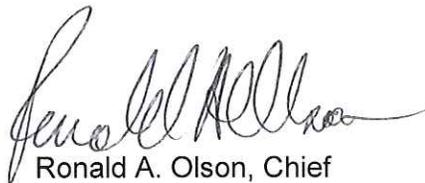
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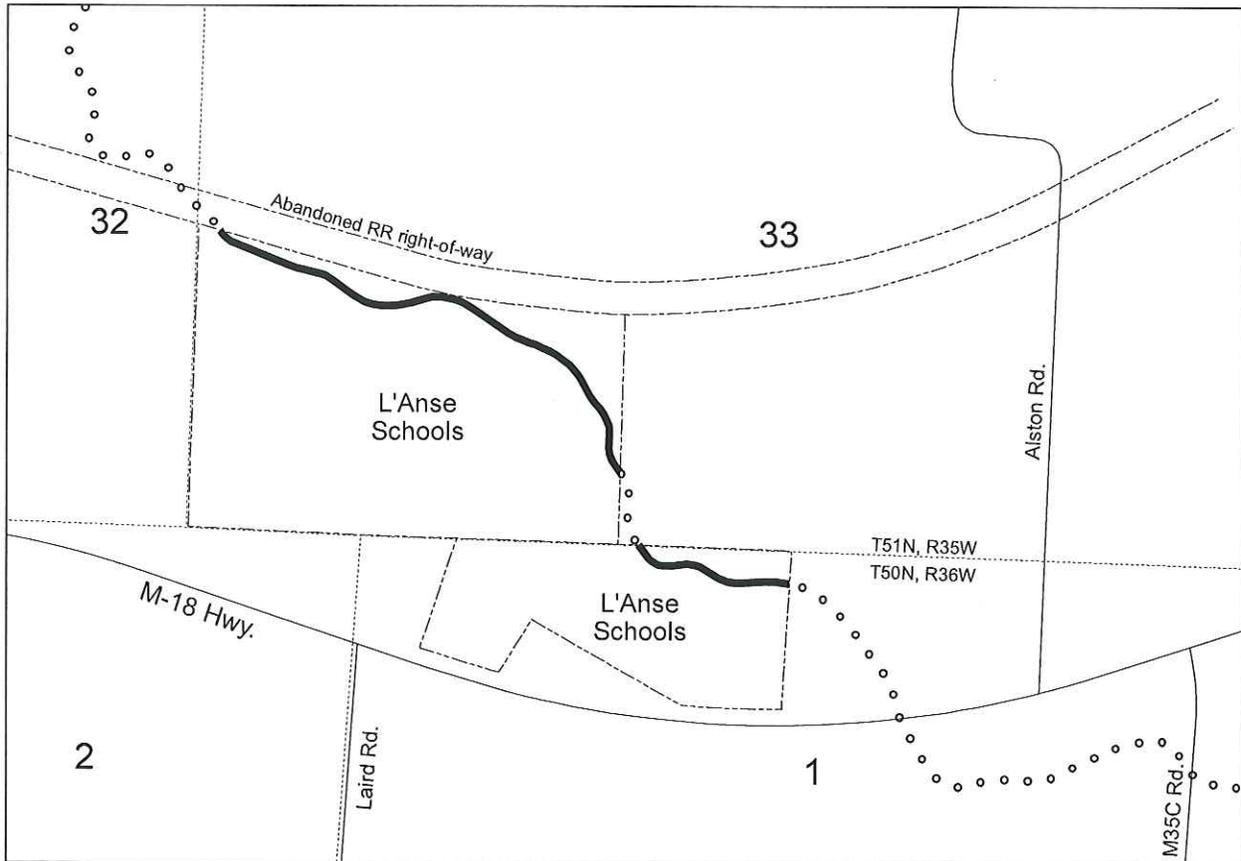
I approve the staff recommendations.

Keith Creagh
Director

Date Approved

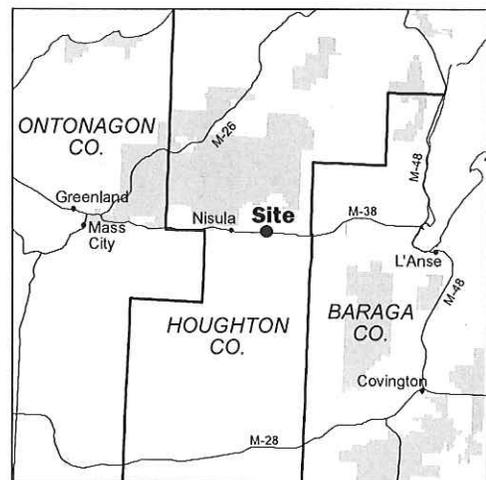
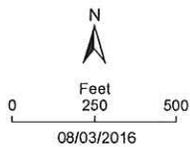
STATE TRAIL GIFT OF EASEMENT

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Section 33, T51N, R35W and Section 01, T50N, R36W, Laird Township

- Gift of easement (2,000 linear feet)
- Designated snowmobile trail
- State land
- Private land



DNR Project Boundaries