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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

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TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Sale of Private Access Easement
Traverse City Management Unit – Benzie County
Land Transaction Case #20040145

Sale: 20 ft. wide by 1320 ft. long, more or less, private access easement

Sale Price: \$1,000.00

Description: Benzie County, Homestead Township, T26N, R14W, a 20 ft. wide strip running adjacent to the eastern boundary of the SE1/4 of the SW1/4, Section 32.

Applicant(s): Michael and Nancy Mullen Call, Beulah, MI.

Authority: Part 21, Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the DNR Business Calendar July 1, 2014, and is eligible for Director Approval July 8, 2014. The transaction is also posted in a local newspaper as required by statute.

Acquired: By tax reversion in 1939.

Comments: The desired private access easement is located in the boundary of the Traverse City Management Unit in Homestead Township, Benzie County, being approximately several miles east of Benzonia, MI.

The applicant owns 53 acres to the north of the requested easement and has legal access from Homestead Road. The Betsie Valley Trail bisects the applicant's property, dividing their ownership into five acres north of the Trail and 48 acres south of the Trail. In order to access their property located south of the trail, they historically have been crossing the recreational corridor. The Betsie Valley Trail allows for motorized and non-motorized travel and the current vehicle crossing poses a potential threat to the users of the trail, especially due to the curvature of the trail at this location and limited site distance.

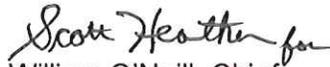
The offered easement will provide access to the south tract from Aylsworth Road, a county-maintained public road. In accepting the easement the applicant will surrender any historical rights they may have in the existing crossing. The easement will be for one single-family residence and if the parcel is subdivided the easement shall be null and void.

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

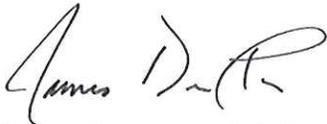
- Recommendation:
- (1) That the easement be sold to the applicant for \$1,000.00, subject to the applicant surrendering all historical rights to crossing the Betsie Valley Trail.
 - (2) That the proceeds of the sale be deposited in the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund.
 - (3) That the easement shall be for one single-family residence and if the served parcel is ever split the easement shall be null and void.



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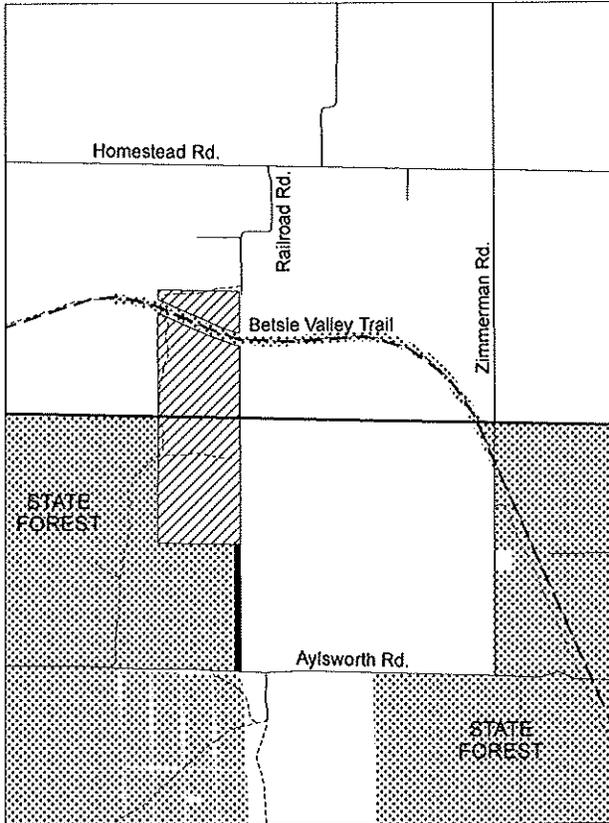
I approve the staff recommendations

Keith Creagh
Director

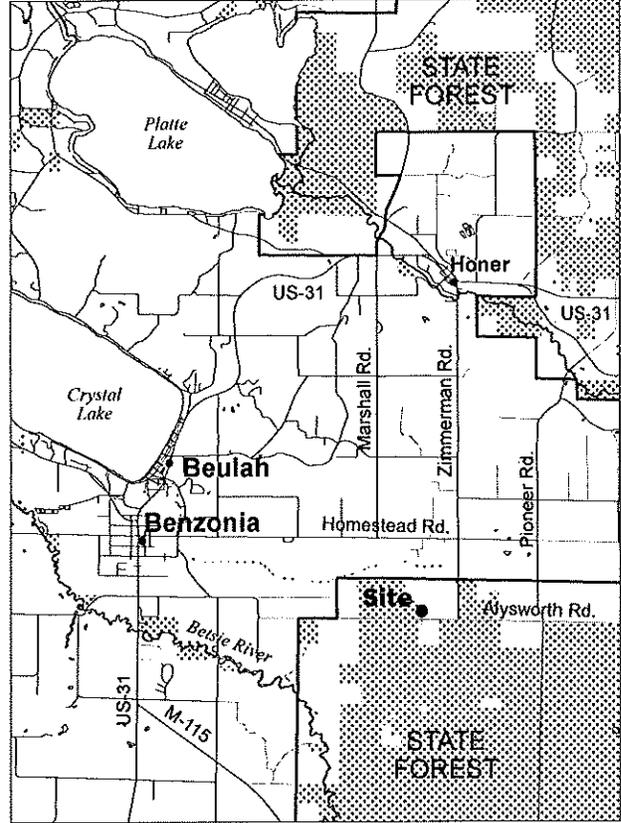
Date Approved

SALE OF PRIVATE ACCESS EASEMENT

Traverse City Management Unit – Benzie County
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Section 32, T26N, R14W, Homestead Township



Regional Location

- 20 ft. wide by 1,320 ft. long easement to be sold (\$1,000.00)
- Applicant's land
- State land
- Private land

