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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

May 12, 2014

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Acquisition
Gladwin Management Unit– Clare County
Cranberry Lake Tract
Land Transaction Case #20130113

Purchase: 289 acres, more or less, \$630,000.00,

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$4,033.00
This parcel is south of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 289 counted acres.
Excluded Acres: None

Description: Clare County, Winterfield Township, T20N, R06W, the South ½ of the NE ¼ and Government Lots 1, 2, 3, Section 1, and Government Lots 1, 7, and 8, Section 2.

Seller(s): Thomas and Sandra Elwood

Authority: Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) June 3, 2014, calendar, and is eligible for approval on June 10, 2014.

Purpose: Acquisition of this parcel will contribute to the Department's goals of consolidating State ownership, protecting sensitive aquatic habitat, enhancing forest management, and increasing public recreation opportunities.

- Comments: The 289-acre tract is located within the boundaries of the Gladwin Management Unit and approximately 10-miles northwest of the city of Harrison. The property contains the following characteristics which make it a priority acquisition:
- Adjacent to State-owned land – the parcel is completely surrounded by State-owned land, except a small privately owned tract to the south and lake frontage to the north.
 - Access – via county local roads Diane Lane, which partially creates the southern boundary of the tract, and North Hemlock Avenue, which ends at the southeast corner of the tract.
 - Topography and cover – the tract consists of approximately 112 acres of low lying bog-type areas, 115 acres of gently rolling or flat areas that consist of jack pine aspen/oak mixture, and mixed natural red and white pine, and 62 acres of surface water in Cranberry Lake.
 - Water frontage – the property contains approximately one mile of frontage along the southerly side of Cranberry Lake and approximately ¼ mile on both sides of Cranberry Creek. This acquisition will protect the aquatic resources that depend on a healthy wetland ecosystem and sustain sensitive species populations.
 - Improvements – the tract contains a hunting cabin and shed. Both structures have nominal value and will be demolished if funding is available.
- Minerals: Minerals will be conveyed by the landowner, if owned.
- Recommendation: That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Cranberry Lake Project, TF 12-132.

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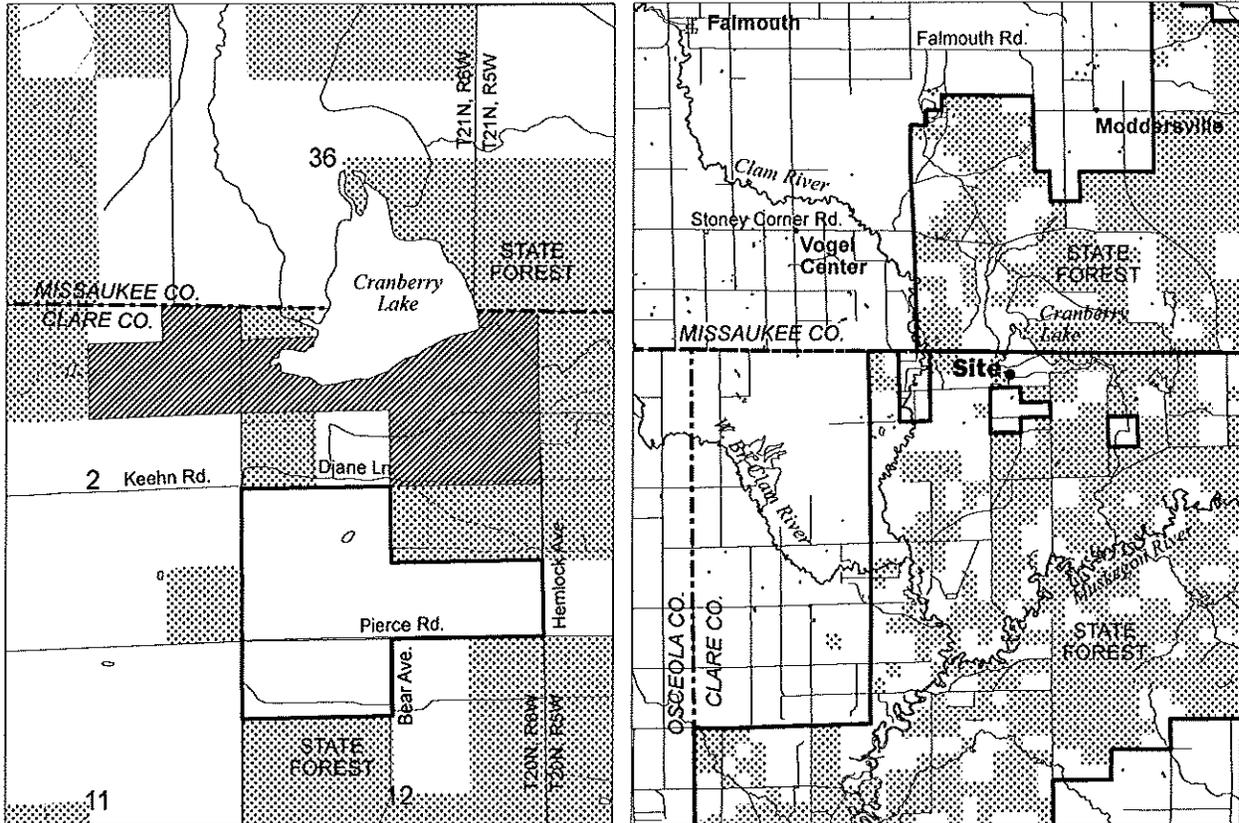
I approve the staff recommendations

Keith Creagh
Director

Date Approved

STATE FOREST LAND ACQUISITION

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Sections 1 and 2, T20N, R06W, Winterfield Township Regional location

- Land offered to DNR (289 acres, \$630,000.00)
- State land
- Private land
- DNR Project Boundary

