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February 11, 2014

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Exchange  
Newberry Management Unit – Luce County  
Rainbow Lodge Two Hearted Exchange  
Land Transaction Case #20130218

Applicant: Richard and Catherine Robinson, Newberry, MI

PA 240 of 2012: PILT is not paid on acquisition of easement rights. The counted acres will decrease by 0.52 acres.

Private Land Offered in Exchange:

Location: Luce County, McMillan Township, T50N, R09W, Section 27: A 20-foot wide easement extending from the centerline of Luce County Road 423 northeasterly to the northeast corner of the Section, being 960 feet more or less. More particularly described in case file Road Location for Proposed Easement.

Value: MCL 324.2106, Exchange of equal or greater value

DNR Managed Land Desired in Exchange:

Location: Luce County, McMillan Township, T50N, R09W, Section 34: A 0.52 acres tract located in the N1/2 of the NW1/4 and more particularly described in case file Certificate of Survey.

Value: MCL 324.2106, Exchange of equal or greater value

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) March 4, 2014 calendar, and is eligible for approval on March 11, 2014.

Comments: The offered easement and desired land is located less than a half mile south of Lake Superior near the mouth of the Two-Hearted River and approximately 25 miles north of Newberry.

The desired land was acquired by tax reversion in 1906. This exchange will resolve a previous encroachment of a well, parking area and other improvements relating to the applicant's business. Since the discovery of the encroachment, the area was completely destroyed by the Duck Lake fire in May of 2012. Due to an outpouring of support, the applicant and owner of the Rainbow Lodge, a popular tourist attraction that includes cabin rental, canoe services and myriad of recreational opportunities, decided to rebuild.

The offered easement over the applicant's property will provide management and public access to a large tract of DNR managed land with extensive Lake Superior frontage.

The State will retain the mineral rights.

The proposed land exchange was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on October 17, 2013.

Support:

Recommendation: (1) That the exchange be approved with the State reserving mineral rights and aboriginal antiquities.

  
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Natural Resources Deputy

  
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I approve the staff recommendations

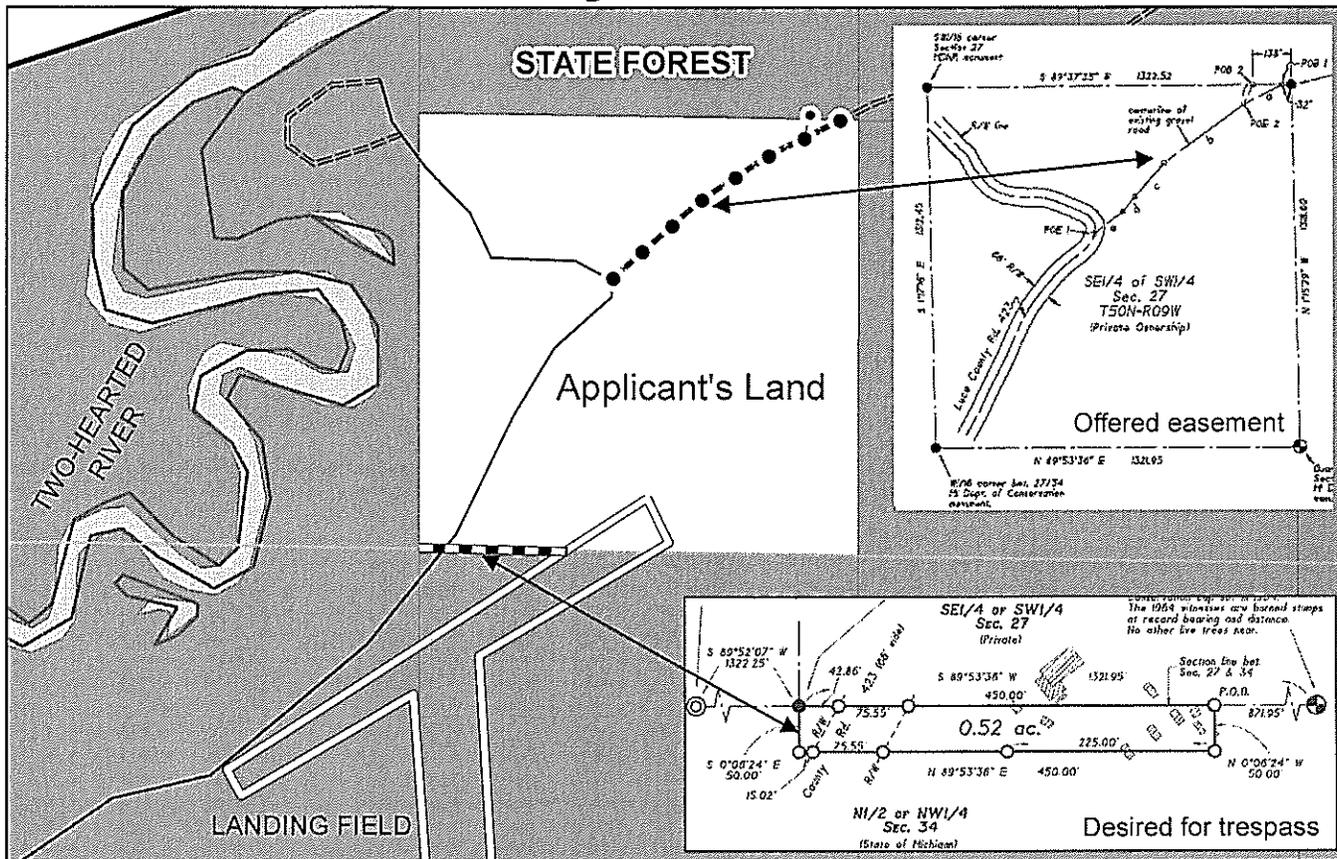
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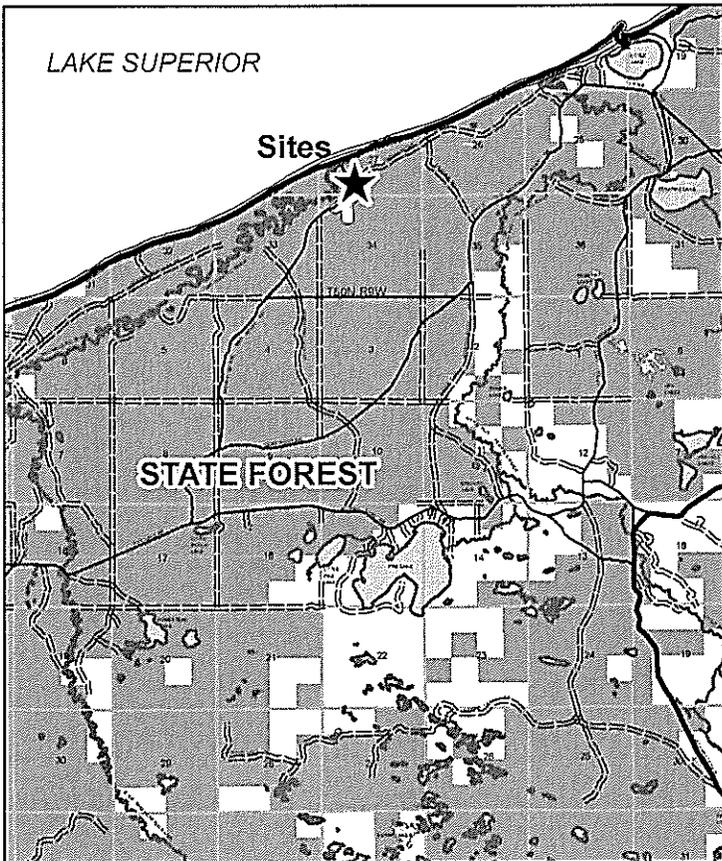
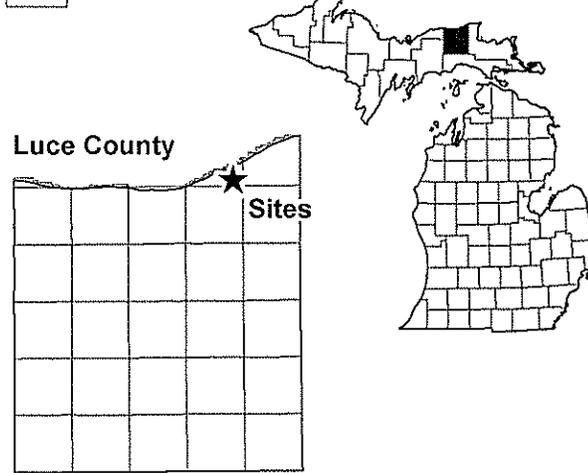
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### Rainbow Two-Hearted Exchange -- Land Transaction Case #20130218



### Sections 27 & 34, T50N, R9W McMillan Township

- State Forest Boundary
- Offered Easement -- approx. 960 ft.
- Desired DNR Land -- 0.52 A
- State Land
- Private Land



**Regional Location**