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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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January 20, 2015

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Wildlife Land Exchange
Martiny Lake State Game Area – Mecosta County
The Bettis Exchange
Land Transaction Case #20140060

Applicant: James L. Bettis, Remus, Michigan

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$3.00 per acre. The parcels involved in the exchange are south of the Mason-Arenac line and will not change counted acres. There are no excluded acres as a part of this transaction.

Private Land Offered in Exchange: 80 acres
Location: Mecosta County, Austin Township, T14N, R09W, Section 07:
The N1/2 of the SE1/4.

Exchange Value: The offered 80-acre parcel is of equal size to the desired State-owned land. The parcels have comparable land characteristics and habitat values.

State Lands Desired in Exchange: 80 acres
Location: Mecosta County, Austin Township, T14N, R09W, Section 08:
The SW1/4 of the NW1/4; AND the NW1/4 of the SW1/4.

Exchange Value: The desired 80-acre parcel is of equal size to the offered State-owned land. The parcels have comparable land characteristics and habitat 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 3, 2015, calendar, and is eligible for approval on February 10, 2015.

Comments: The offered and desired lands are located in north-central Mecosta County, to the east of Rogers Dam. The acquisition of the offered parcel will serve to consolidate the State's ownership in the east half of Section 7.

The desired State land was purchased by the State in 1956 with State Game Funds. As a result of this exchange, the offered private lands will assume the State Game Fund status of the desired State land.

The Minerals Management staff has determined the State should retain mineral rights.

The proposed land exchange was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on July 10, 2014.

Engagement:

The county and township within which the offered and desired parcels lie were asked to provide input concerning this transaction. Their responses are:

Mecosta County – the county commissioner for the area does not have any objections to the exchange.

Austin Township – the township board discussed this exchange and has no objections.

Recommendation(s):

That the exchange be approved with the State reserving minerals and aboriginal antiquities.

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Wildlife Division

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Forest Resources Division

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I approve the staff recommendations.

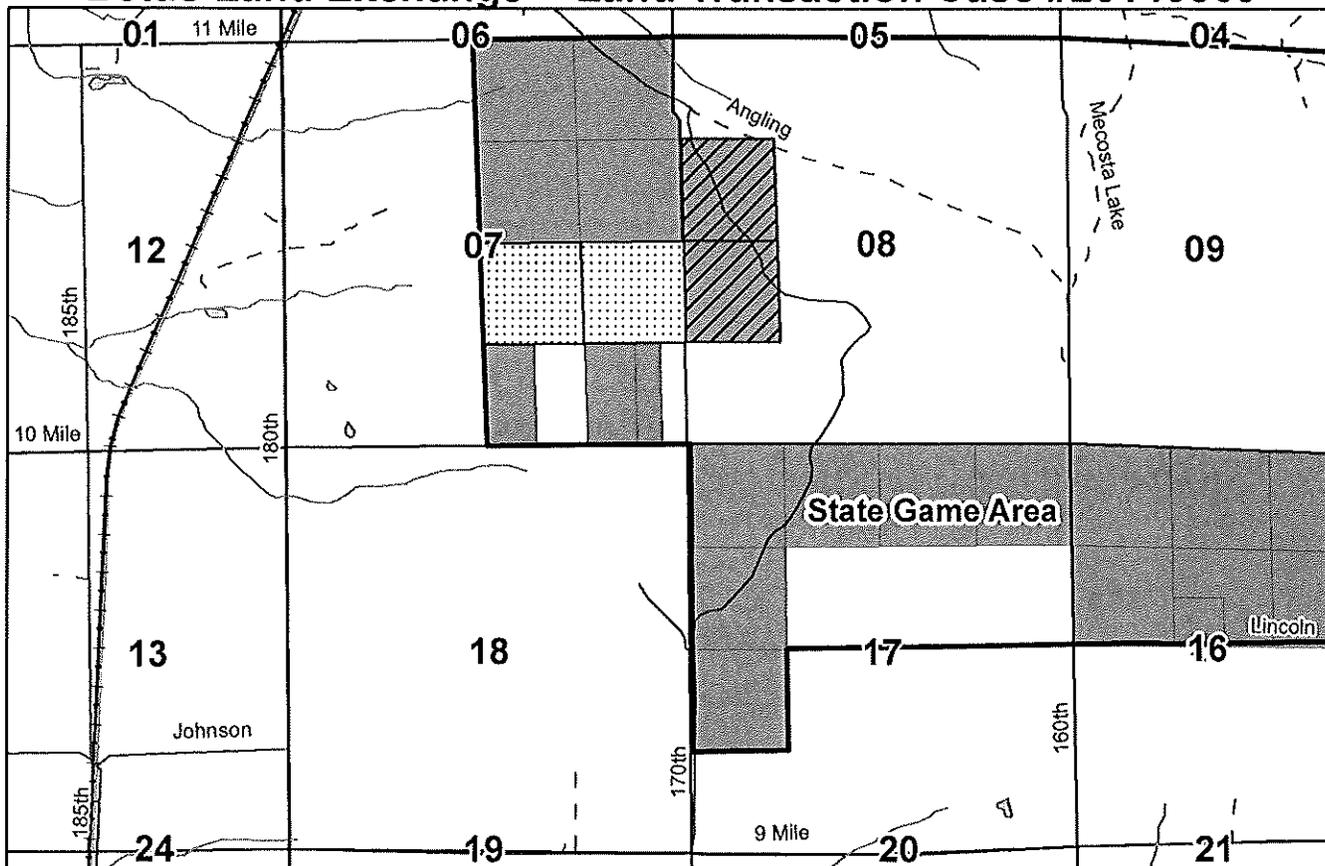
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Date Approved

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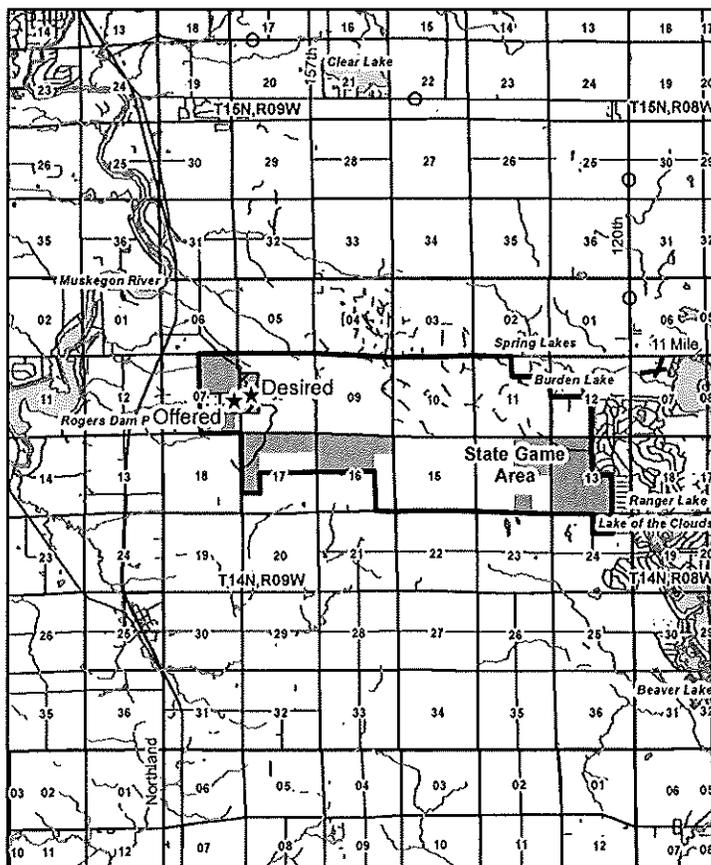
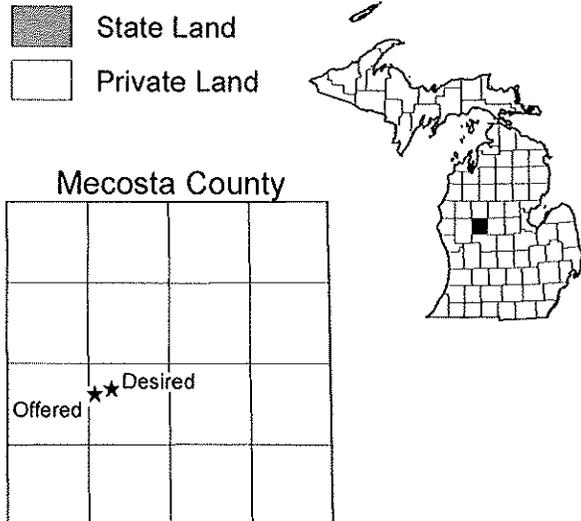
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Section 7 -- Offered
Section 8 -- Desired
T14N, R9W
Austin Township

- State Game Area Boundary
- Land Offered to DNR (80 acres)
- DNR Land Desired (80 acres)
- State Land
- Private Land



Regional Location



DNR -- Finance & Operations Division
 Real Estate Services Section
 12/29/2014

