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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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RODNEY A. STOKES  
DIRECTOR

January 17, 2012

TO: Rodney A. Stokes, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Acquisition  
Crystal Falls Management Unit – Dickinson County  
The Wild River Properties Sturgeon River Tract  
Land Transaction Case #20110105

Purchase: 840 acres - \$1,260,000.00

Description: Dickinson County, Waucedah Township, T39N, R28W, parts of Sections 2, 3, 4, and 8; and T40N, R28W, Section 34, SW ¼, as more particularly described on the Option to Buy Land

Seller: Wild River Properties, LLC, Oneida, Wisconsin

Property Taxes: Estimated property taxes for 2010 were \$6,670.00

Authority: Part 5 and 19 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (department) January 30, 2012, calendar, and is eligible for approval on February 7, 2012.

Comments: The offered 840-acre tract is located within the Crystal Falls Management Unit in southeast Dickinson County, 6 miles east of Norway.

The offered property includes many characteristics which collectively make it a priority acquisition for the Department and resulted in it being designated for 'line item' funding by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. These characteristics include:

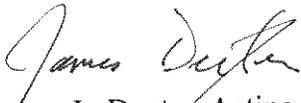
- Adjacent state-owned land – the parcel is bordered on the north by several thousand acres of state-owned land.
- Water frontage – 3.7 miles of frontage on the Sturgeon River with one-half of the frontage being upland in nature.
- Access – access for the public and department staff will be from the adjacent state-owned land.
- Topography and cover – 80% of the property has an aspen/white pine cover on rolling upland. The remainder of the property is lowland with a brush and grass cover.

The seller will reserve any mineral rights that they own for a period of 15 years unless held by production.

- Recommendations: (1) That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Sturgeon River Corridor Acquisition project, Act 16, Public Acts of 2011.
- (2) That the property be dedicated as part of the Crystal Falls Management Unit and managed by the Forest Resources Division.



Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief  
Wildlife Division



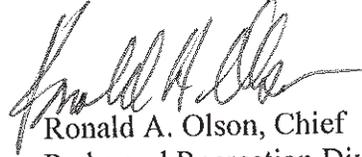
James L. Dexter, Acting Chief  
Fisheries Division



Kelley D. Smith, Ph.D.  
Acting Natural Resources Deputy



William O'Neill, Acting Chief  
Forest Resources Division



Ronald A. Olson, Chief  
Parks and Recreation Division



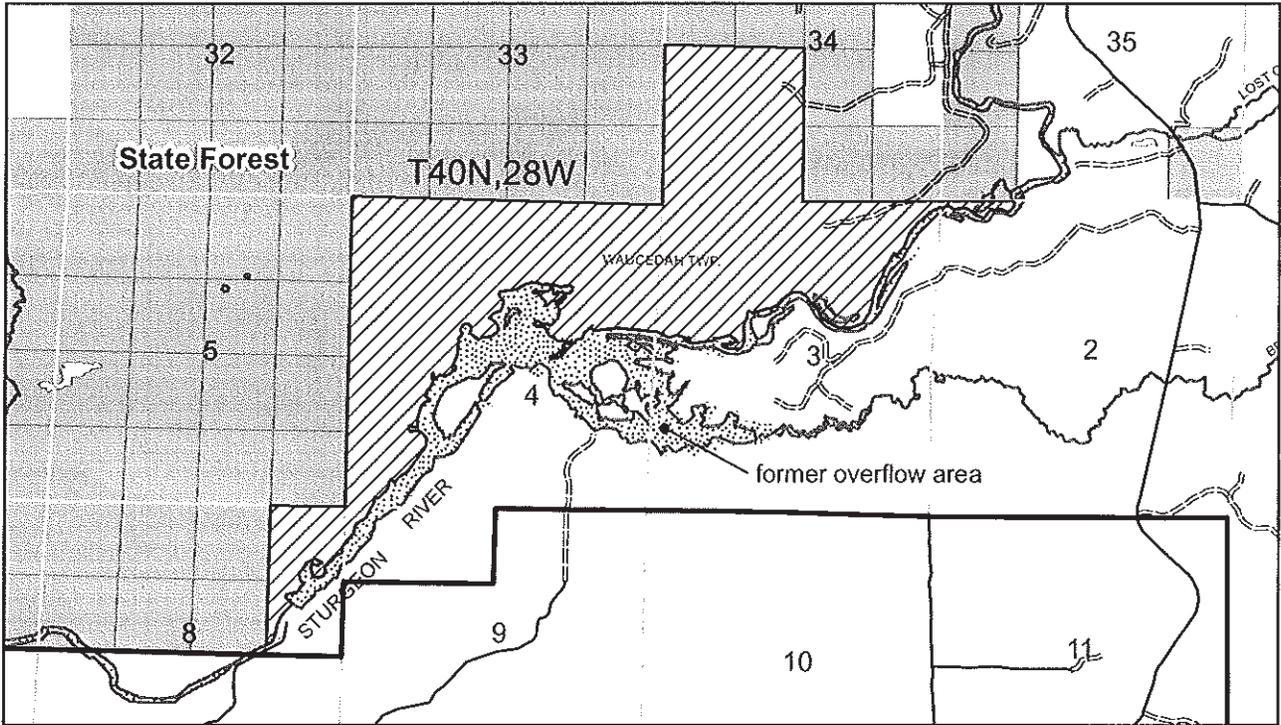
Mark H. Hoffman  
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

Rodney A. Stokes  
Director

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Date Approved

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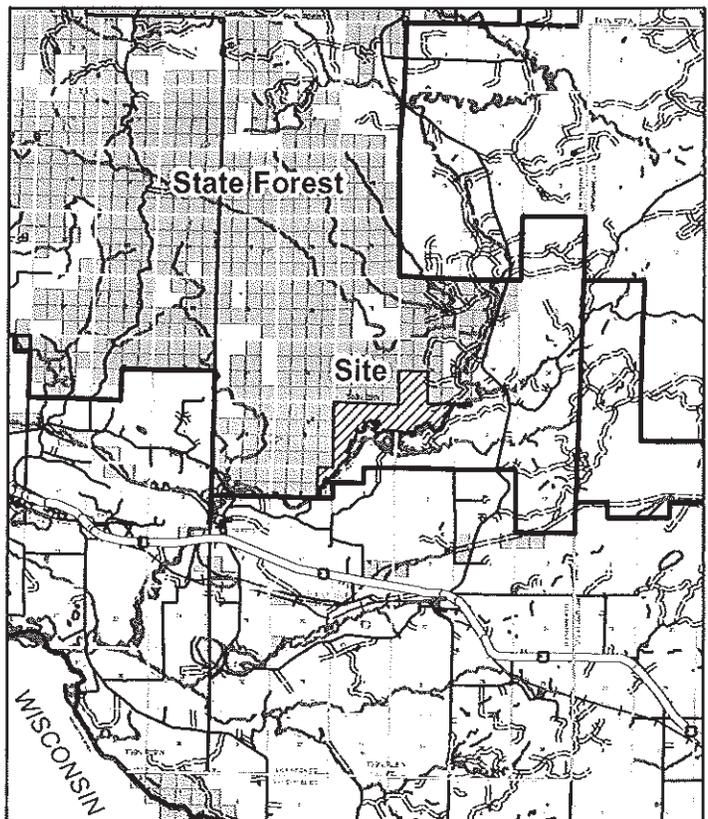
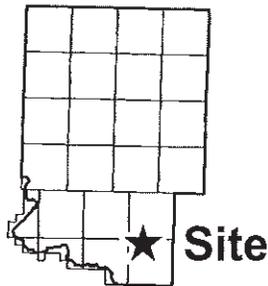


**Sections 2, 3, 4, & 8, T39N, R28W**  
**Section 34, T40N, R28W**  
**Waucedah Township**

-  State Forest Boundary
-  Land Offered to DNR  
(840 acres m/l -- \$1,260,000.)
-  State Land
-  Private Land



**Dickinson County**



**Regional Location**



DNR -- Office of Land Administration  
 Real Estate Services Section  
 01/09/2012

