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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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DIRECTOR

September 17, 2012

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Acquisition
Traverse City Management Unit– Kalkaska County
Ray Tract
Land Transaction Case #20120020

Purchase: 40 acres, more or less. \$67,000.00

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$1,700.00
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 40 counted acres.
There are no acres excluded with this parcel.

Description: Kalkaska County, Garfield Township, T25N, R6W, Section 12, SW ¼ of the NE ¼.

Seller(s): Loyal E. Ray of Adrian, MI.

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) October 1, 2012, calendar, and is eligible for approval on October 9, 2012.

Comments: The offered parcel is located in Kalkaska County, approximately 15 miles southeast of the Village of Kalkaska and within the Traverse City Management Unit. The parcel contains the following attributes, which collectively make this a priority acquisition:

- Adjacent State-owned land – 100% of this property is bordered by State-owned land.
- Project boundary – the property is located within the Traverse City Management Unit project boundary.
- Access – access for the public and department staff will be via a two track road that crosses the adjacent State-owned land from Devil Creek Road.
- Topography – rolling with a west facing slope and is primarily upland.
- Cover – the entire property is heavily wooded with high quality timber including jack pine, red and black oak, and aspen.

- Improvements – the parcel includes a small cabin located near the western boundary of the property and two small outbuildings. Forest Resources Division staff intend to remove these structures after the property is acquired by the State.

Since the tract is bordered by State Forest land on all sides, acquisition by the Department will result in a reduction of one mile of property boundary that staff will need to monitor and maintain. The tract is located entirely within the Fletcher Kirtland's Warbler Management Unit and acquisition will allow for a more undisturbed habitat for the endangered species.

The sellers will convey mineral rights relative to this tract, if owned.

Acquisition of this parcel will contribute to the Department's goals of consolidating State ownership, securing wildlife habitat, enhancing forest management, and increasing public recreation opportunities.

Recommendation: That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Northern Lower Peninsula Eco-Regional Land Consolidation project.



Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division



William O'Neill, Chief
Forest Resources Division



James L. Dexter, Chief
Fisheries Division



Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Parks and Recreation Division



William E. Moritz, Ph.D.
Natural Resources Deputy



Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations

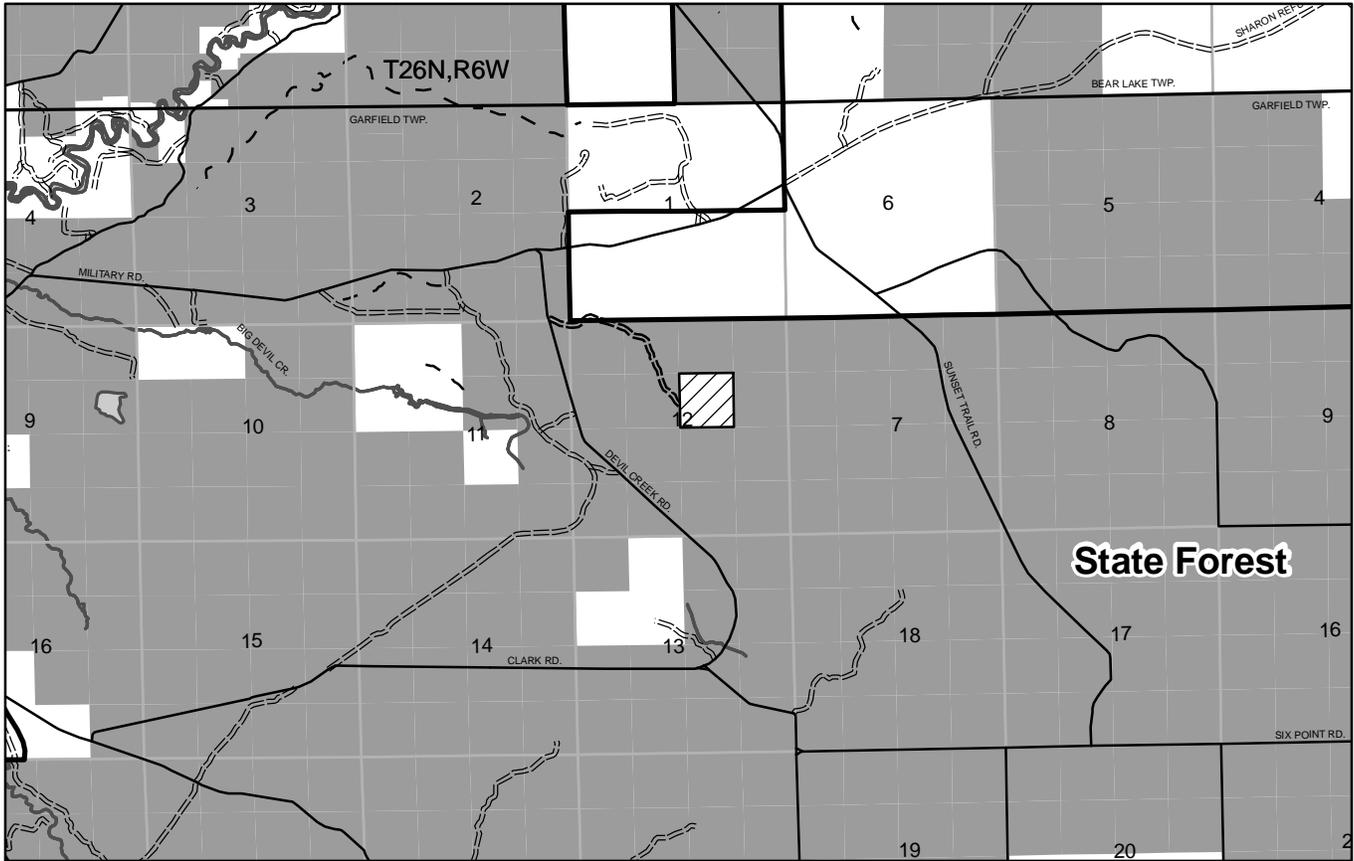
Keith Creagh
Director

Date Approved

STATE FOREST LAND ACQUISITION

Traverse City Management Unit -- Kalkaska County

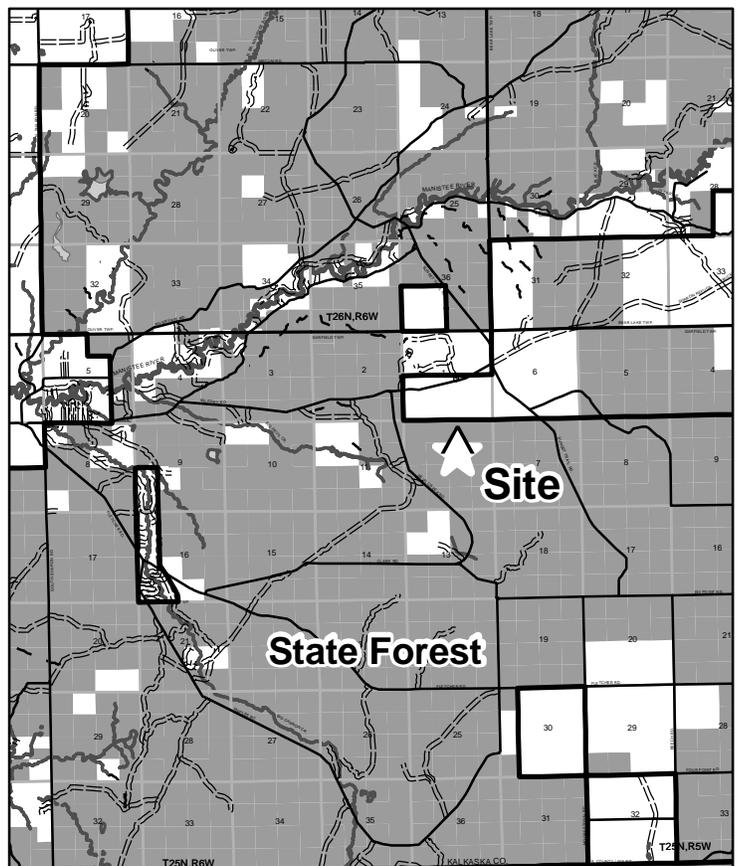
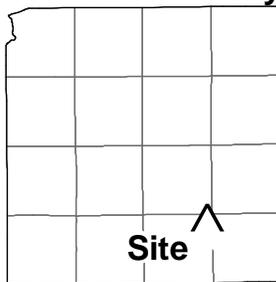
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Section 12, T25N, R6W Garfield Township

- State Forest Boundary
- Land Offered to the DNR
(40 acres -- \$67,000.00)
- State Land
- Private Land

Kalkaska County



Regional Location

