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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

December 19, 2012

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Conveyance of State-owned Land for Public Use
Newberry Management Unit – Luce County
Land Transaction Case #20120123

Sale: Land will be conveyed at a nominal fee to the applicant.

Description: Luce County, Pentland Township, T45N, R09W, Section 5, the NE1/4
and the SE1/4, being 320 acres more or less.

Applicant(s): Luce County Airport, Newberry, MI.

Authority: Subpart 1, Part 21, Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources
(Department) January 2, 2013, calendar, and is eligible for approval on
January 10, 2013.

Acquired: By tax reversion in 1939.

Minerals: It appears appropriate to dispose of mineral rights.

Comments: The desired parcels lie approximately two miles southeast of Newberry
and the airport property is immediately adjacent to the south. State land
is located to the east and west, and privately-owned lands border to the
north. County Road 408 runs between the existing airport property and
the desired land.

The applicant requests the property for future expansion and development of their airport. Both public safety officials and private parties have a desire to utilize the airport. The upgrade requires a cross wind runway for fire patrol and a longer runway for large type fire bombers, air ambulance and other private aircraft. The site was chosen to minimize ecological impact of the land given the FAA design requirements.

The Department is working in cooperation with the County as the State uses the airport on a frequent basis for many uses, including fire protection and detection.

The request was reviewed by Department staff and recommended by the Land Exchange Review Committee on December 19, 2012, for direct sale to the applicant.

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The timber on the desired lands has been historically managed by the Department through timber harvest. In order to facilitate development of the airport project, the Department will conduct a timber harvest on the desired land.

Recommendation: (1) That the land be conveyed to the applicant for public purposes at a nominal fee.

(2) The Department reserves the right to harvest the timber on the desired land and will conduct a timber harvest. The Department will work with the applicant in timeline that is conducive to the construction of the airport. The Department will also work with the applicant regarding the relocation of the existing utility easement.

(3) That the State of Michigan retain aboriginal antiquities.

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I approve the staff recommendations

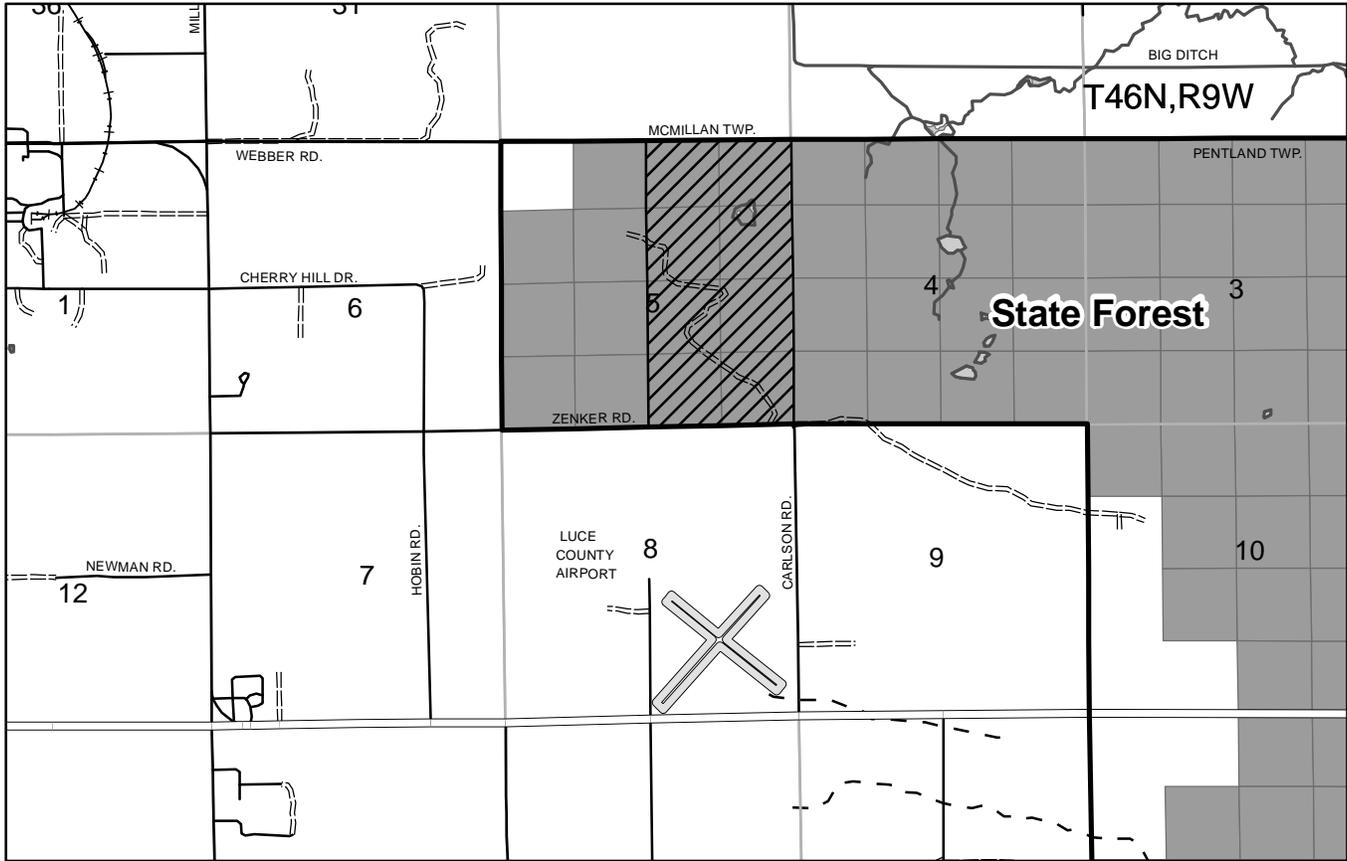
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Date Approved

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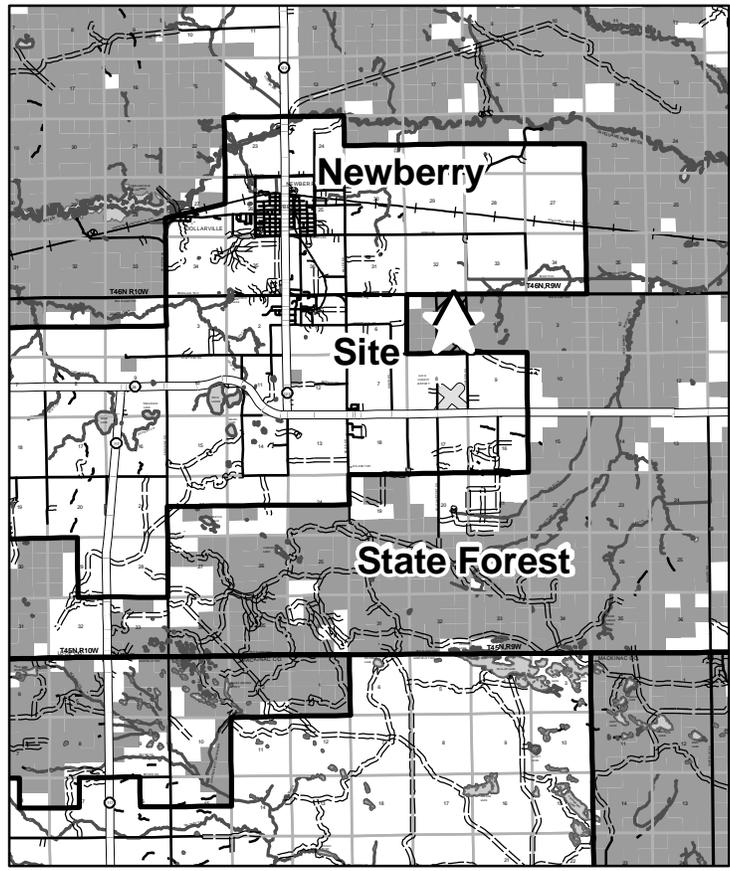
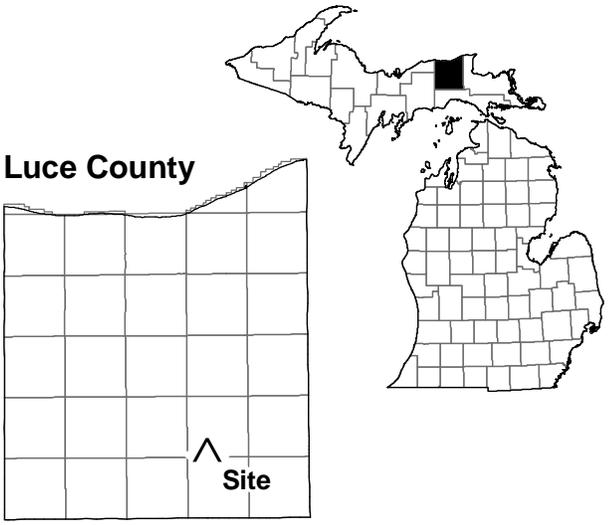
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Section 5, T45N, R9W Pentland Township

- State Forest Boundary
- DNR Land to be Conveyed (320 acres)
- State Land
- Private Land



Regional Location