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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

August 10, 2012

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Acquisition and Boundary Modification
Sault Ste Marie Management Unit – Chippewa County
The Klamerus Tract
Land Transaction Case #20120017

Purchase: 540 acres, more or less, \$350,000

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$2,730.00
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 540 counted acres.
There are no acres excluded with this parcel.

Description: Chippewa County, Detour Township, T42N, R03E, Section 29 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ to the shore of Ziegler Lake; Section 29 S $\frac{1}{2}$ except the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$; and Section 30 S $\frac{1}{2}$ except the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Seller(s): Klamerus Family Trust

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) September 4, 2012, calendar, and is eligible for approval on September 12, 2012.

Purpose: Acquisition of this parcel will provide direct public access to a previously inaccessible 70 acres of public land on Big Trout Lake, a 270 acre lake and the 7th largest lake in Chippewa County. The parcel also provides access to Ziegler Lake, and to Albany Creek, a cold water brook trout stream. This access will provide new year round fishing opportunities close to the villages of Detour and Cedarville. The sport fishing industry in Michigan supports 15,000 jobs with an economic impact in excess of \$2 billion annually. Roughly 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles of snowmobile trail No. 47 crosses this property and connects Detour to Rudyard, 121 mile-long section. This and other trails help support the \$1 billion dollar snowmobile industry in Michigan.

Comments: The offered parcel is located in Chippewa County, approximately 10 miles west of De Tour and within the Sault Ste Marie Management Unit. The parcel contains the following attributes, which collectively make this a priority acquisition:

- Adjacent State-owned land – this property is adjacent to State-owned land to the west and south.
- Project boundary – the property is located within and adjacent to the Sault Ste Marie Management Unit project boundary.
- Access – access for the public and department staff will be via M-48, which borders the property on the east.
- Water – the property provides access to previously inaccessible State-owned land on Big Trout Lake, provides direct access to Ziegler Lake and has more than ¼ mile of frontage on Albany Creek, a cold water brook trout stream.
- Topography – the property is mostly wooded with a mix of lowland conifers and mixed northern hardwoods on primarily level topography with a few ridges.
- Cover – primarily wooded with some open clearings.

Good access via M-48 will provide for Department management access to both this property and the State-owned land located immediately west of this parcel.

The sellers will convey any mineral rights that they own relative to this parcel.

Acquisition of this parcel will contribute to the Department's goals of consolidating State ownership, providing inland lake and stream access to the public, 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 PA 16 of 2011, Big Trout Lake Acquisition project.

Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division

William O'Neill, Chief
Forest Resources Division

James L. Dexter, Chief
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Parks and Recreation Division

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

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Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations

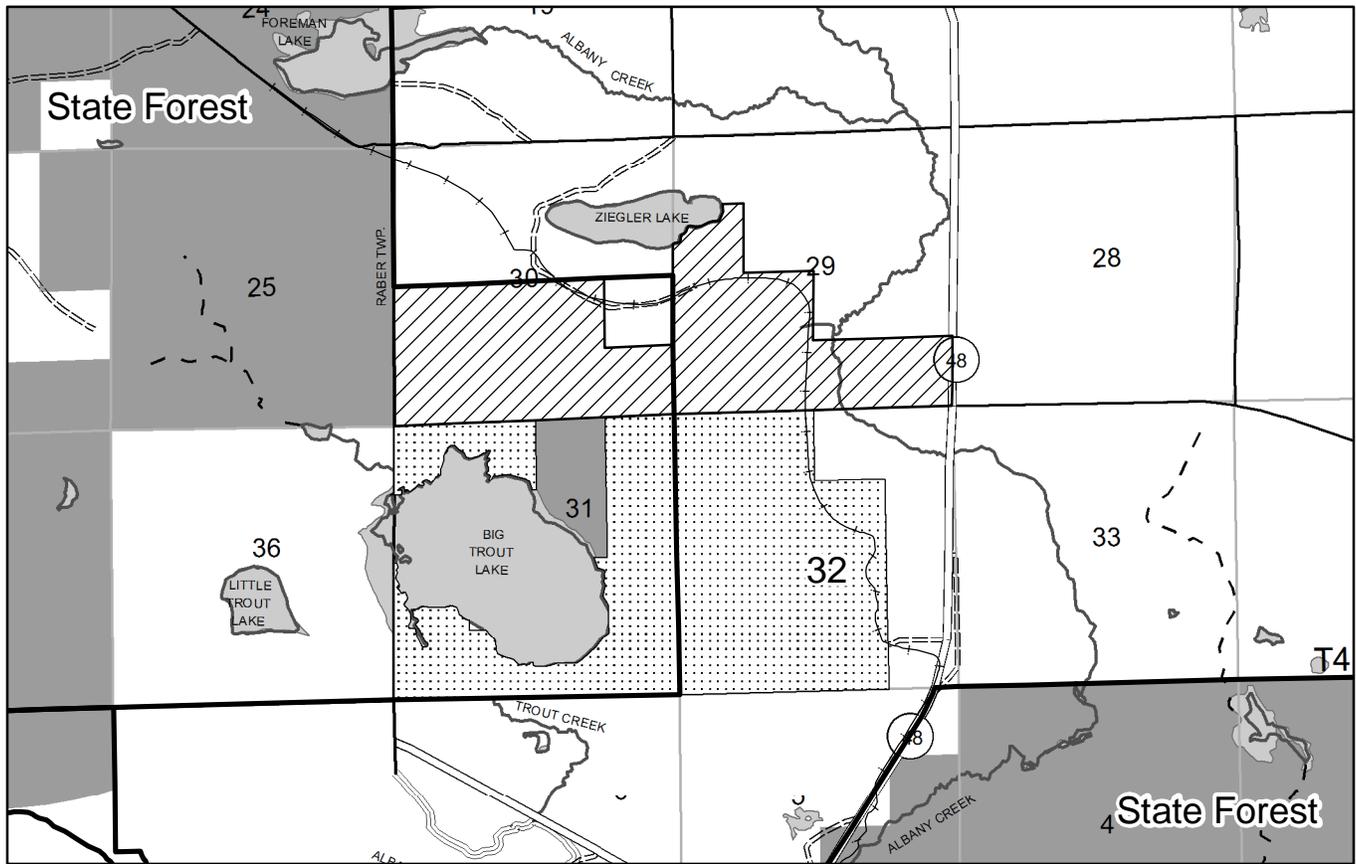
Keith Creagh
Director

Date Approved

STATE FOREST LAND ACQUISITION AND BOUNDARY MODIFICATION

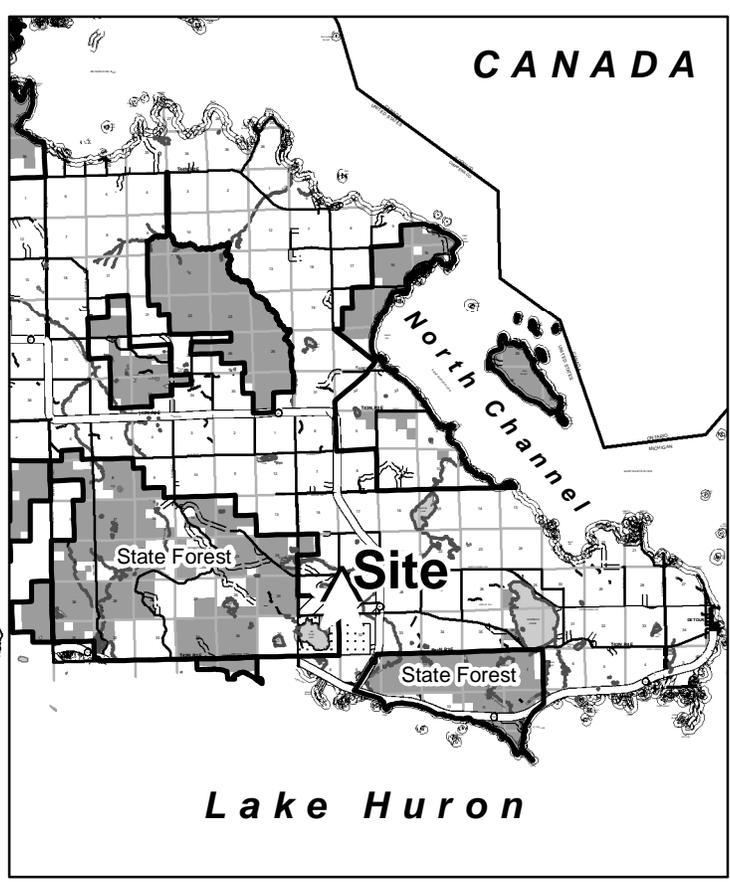
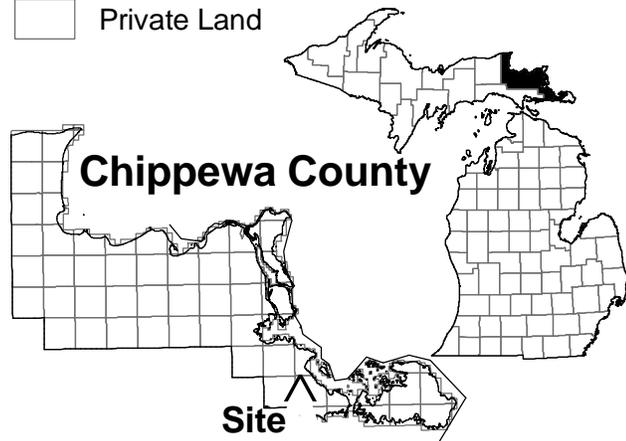
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**Sections 29 and 30, T42N, R3E
Detour Township**

-  State Forest Boundary
-  Snowmobile Trail
-  Land Offered to DNR
(540 acres -- \$350,000.00)
-  Nature Conservancy Ownership
-  State Land
-  Private Land



Regional Location



DNR -- Finance & Operations Division
Real Estate Services Section
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