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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

April 15, 2013

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Acquisition
Grayling Management Unit– Crawford County
The Hill Tract
Land Transaction Case #20120053

Purchase: 40 acres; \$66,000.00

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$875.00
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 40 counted acres.
Excluded Acres: There are no excluded acres with this parcel.

Description: Crawford County, Lovells Township, T28N, R01W, Section 12, the NE1/4 of the SW1/4.

Seller(s): Richard and Sharon Hill

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) April 30, 2013, calendar, and is eligible for approval on May 7, 2013.

Purpose: This tract of land further consolidates the Grayling Management Unit and is the last privately-owned tract in that Section. Elimination of this inholding will assist in protecting a nearby snowmobile trail. This is the only private parcel accessed via the seasonal county road and acquisition of this tract will ensure the road will not be plowed during winter months, protecting the adjacent designated snowmobile trail.

Comments: The offered tract is located in Crawford County, approximately seven miles southwest of Lewiston, Michigan, within the Grayling Management Unit. Bounded on all sides by State-owned land, the property includes many characteristics which collectively make it a priority acquisition for the Department. These characteristics include:

- Adjacent to State-owned land – the parcel is completely surrounded by state-owned land.
- Access – access will be via existing two-tracks that cross the adjacent State Forest Land from county maintained Indian Trail, located one-quarter mile to the south.

- Topography and cover – the terrain is flat to gently rolling and is comprised of lowland and upland brush, mixed conifers, and a mixture of aspen, red maple and oak.
- Water frontage – the property contains approximately ¼ mile of frontage on the Middle Branch of Big Creek, a state-designated Natural River.
- Improvements –two seasonal cabins exist on the property and are recommended for removal by field staff.

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, increasing public recreation opportunities and providing long term protection to the AuSable River and tributaries.

Support: Crawford County and Lovells Township support this acquisition.

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

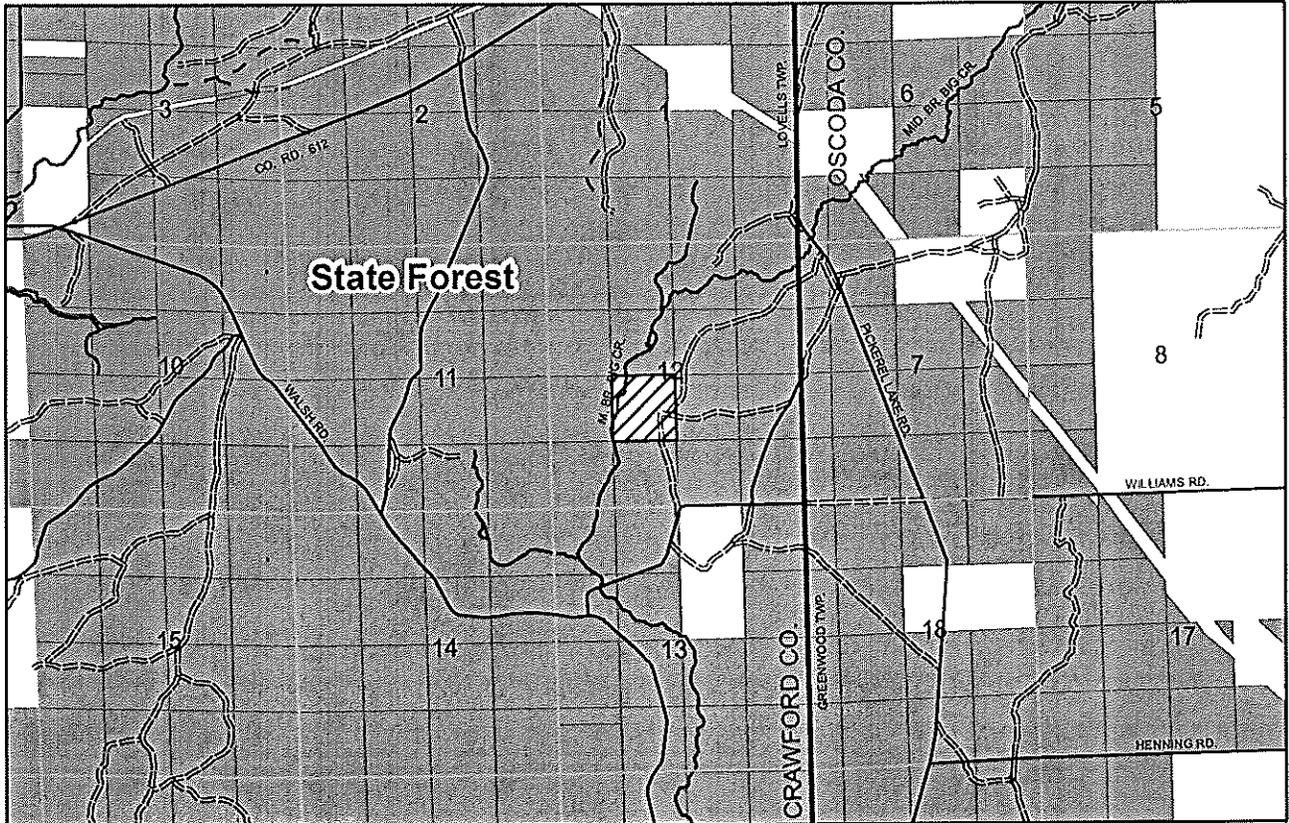
Keith Creagh
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Date Approved

STATE FOREST LAND ACQUISITION

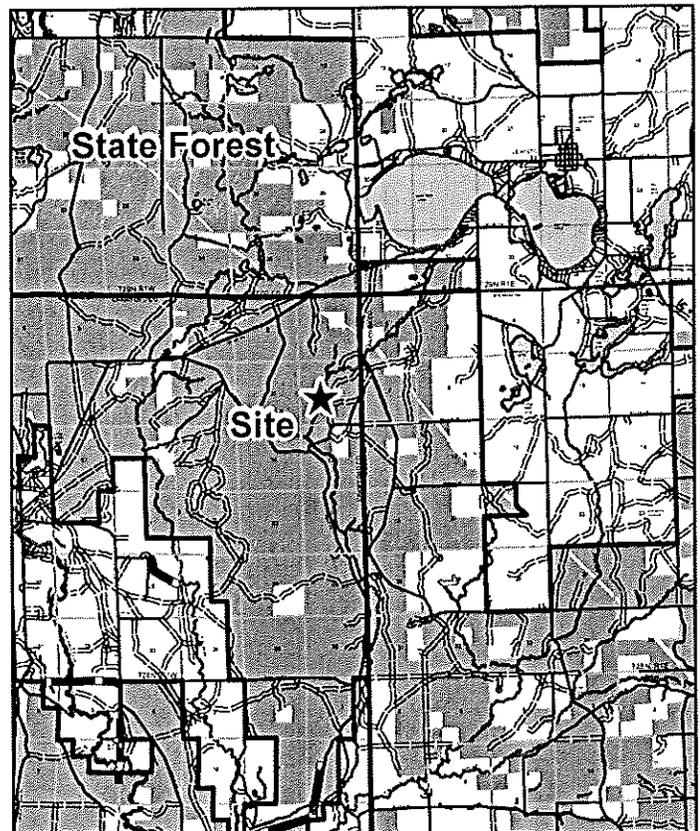
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Section 12, T28N, R1W
Lovells Township

-  State Forest Boundary
-  Land Offered to DNR
(40 acres -- \$66,000.00)
-  State Land
-  Private Land



Regional Location



DNR -- Finance & Operations Division
 Real Estate Services Section
 12/19/2012

