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 Shingleton Management Unit – Schoolcraft County Plum Creek Tract Land Transaction Case #20110222
Purchase:	Parcel 1: 40 acres, more or less $32,000.00 Parcel 2: 120 acres, more or less $96,000.00 Parcel 3: 40 acres, more or less $32,000.00 Total: 200 acres, more or less $160,000.00
PA 240 of 2012:	PILT Estimate: Parcel 1: $640.00 Parcel 2: $1,940.00 Parcel 3: $640.00 These parcels are north of the Mason-Arenac County Line and will not result in an increase in counted acres. Excluded Acres: 200 acres – commercial forest as of July 2, 2012
Description:	Schoolcraft County, Doyle Township, T43N, R14W: Parcel 1: Section 21, SE ¼ of the SE ¼. Parcel 2: Section 30, W ½ of the SE ¼ and the SE ¼ of the SE ¼ Parcel 3: Section 32, SW ¼ of the SW ¼
Seller(s):	Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P. a Delaware Limited Partnership
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.
Comments:	The offered parcels are located in Schoolcraft County, approximately 12 miles northeast of Manistique and within the Shingleton Management Unit. The parcels contains the following attributes, which collectively make them priority acquisitions: • Adjacent State-owned land – 94% of the properties border existing State Forest lands. • Project boundary – the property is located within the Shingeton Management Unit project boundary.

- Access – access for the public and department staff will be via existing two-tracks that cross the adjacent State Forest Land.
- Topography – mostly level with a mix of lowlands and uplands.
- Water – Little Duck Creek crosses the parcel in Section 30.
- Cover – regenerating red pine, jack pine and black spruce.

Acquisition of these properties by the Department will result in a reduction of 3 ¾ miles of property boundary that staff will need to monitor and maintain.

As of the effective date of PA 240 on 2012, the subject properties were commercial forestlands; therefore, the acquisition of these parcels will not impact the PA 240 land cap. The seller has agreed to remove the parcels from the Commercial Forest Program prior to conveying them to the State.

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, securing wildlife habitat, enhancing forest management, and increasing public recreation opportunities.

Recommendation: That the acquisition be approved, with payment for Parcels 1 and 3 to be made from the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund and payment for Parcel 2 to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Upper 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

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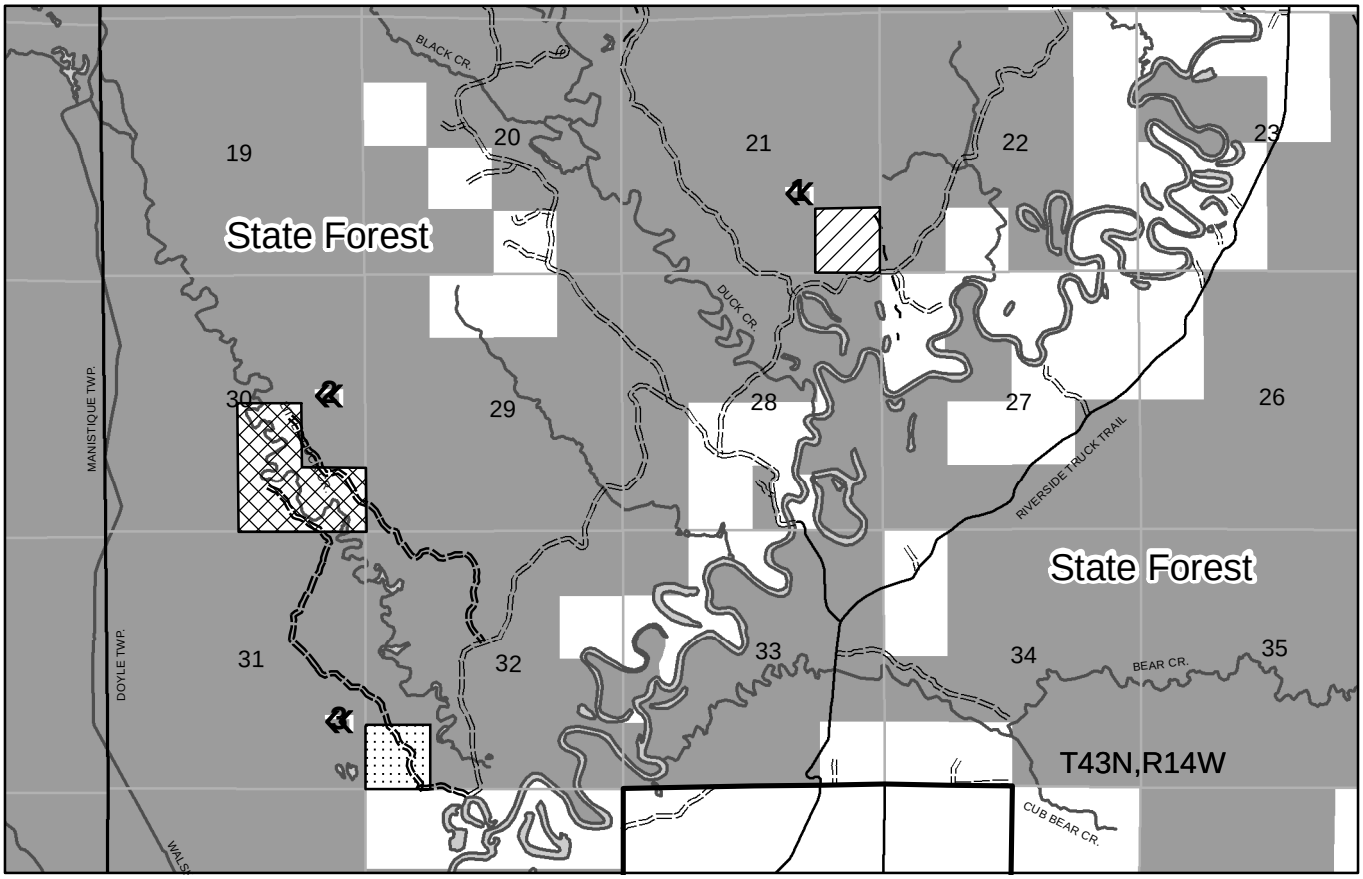
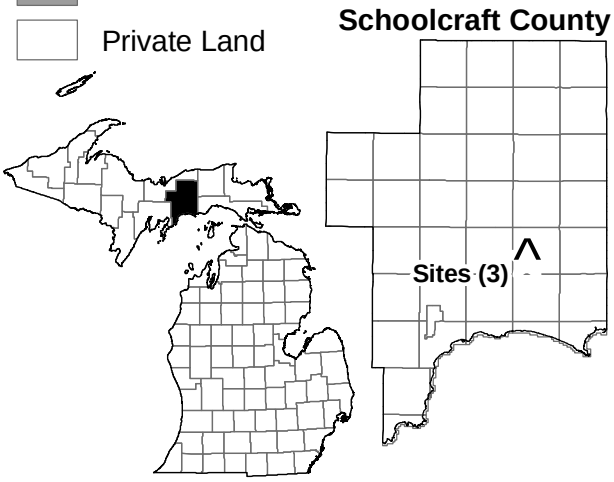
Date Approved

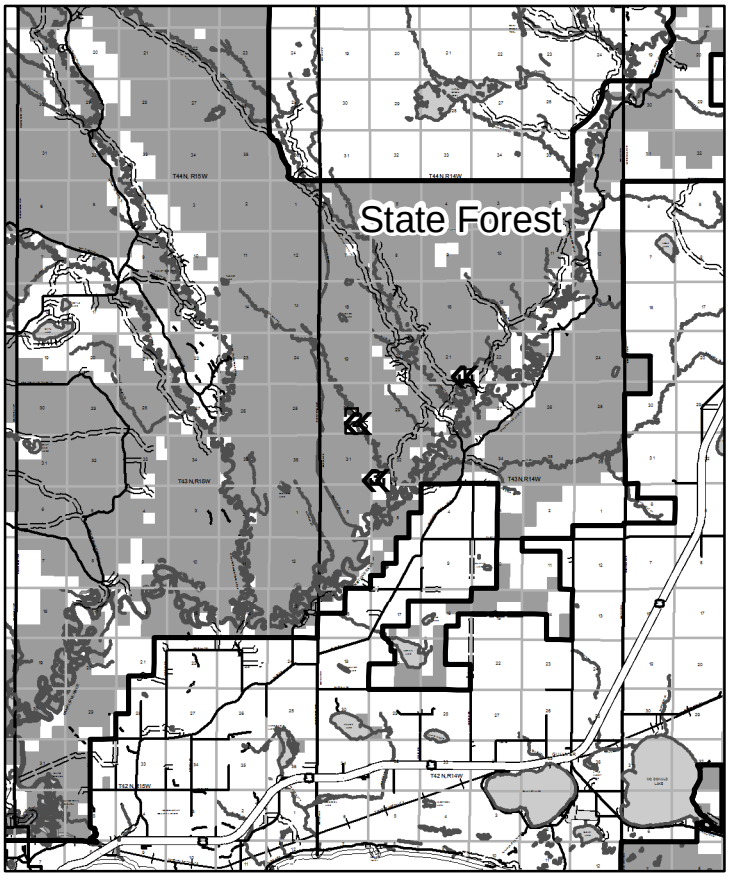
STATE FOREST LAND ACQUISITION
Shingleton Management Unit -- Schoolcraft County
The Plum Creek Tract -- Land Transaction Case #20110222



Sections 21, 30, and 32, T43N, R14W, Doyle Township

- State Forest Boundary
- Parcel 1 (40 acres -- $32,000.00)
- Parcel 2 (120 acres -- $96,000.00)
- Parcel 3 (40 acres -- $32,000.00)
- State Land (Total 200 acres -- $160,000.00)
- Private Land





Regional Location

DNR -- Finance & Operations Division
Real Estate Services Section
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