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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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DIRECTOR

August 10, 2012

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Acquisition
Cadillac Management Unit – Wexford County
Jirous Tract
Land Transaction Case #20120063

Purchase: 20 acres, more or less. \$50,000.00

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$620.00
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will not result in an increase in counted acres.
Excluded Acres:
20 acres – accessing other land owned by the Department.

Description: Wexford County, Hanover Township, T24N, R11W, Section 28, N ½ of the NW ¼ of the SW ¼.

Seller(s): Brian and Elizabeth Jirous, Wyoming, MI.

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 parcel is located in Wexford County, approximately 4 miles northeast of Mesick and within the Cadillac Management Unit. The parcel contains the following attributes, which collectively make this a priority acquisition:

- Adjacent State-owned land – 50% of the property borders existing State Forest lands.
- Project boundary – the property is located within the Cadillac Management Unit project boundary.
- Access – access for the public and department staff will be via a developed easement that connects the property to the public road system and to the adjacent State-owned land.
- Topography – mostly level, except for the extreme southern portion, which slopes steeply towards the Manistee River.
- Water – in addition to a small brook that crosses the property, the southern border of the property comes to within 75 feet of the Manistee River.

- Trails – the North Country Trail travels along the southern boundary of the parcel, and possibly travels on the parcel for a short distance.
- Cover – wooded with poplar and maple on the higher ground and cedar and spruce near the Manistee River.

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 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
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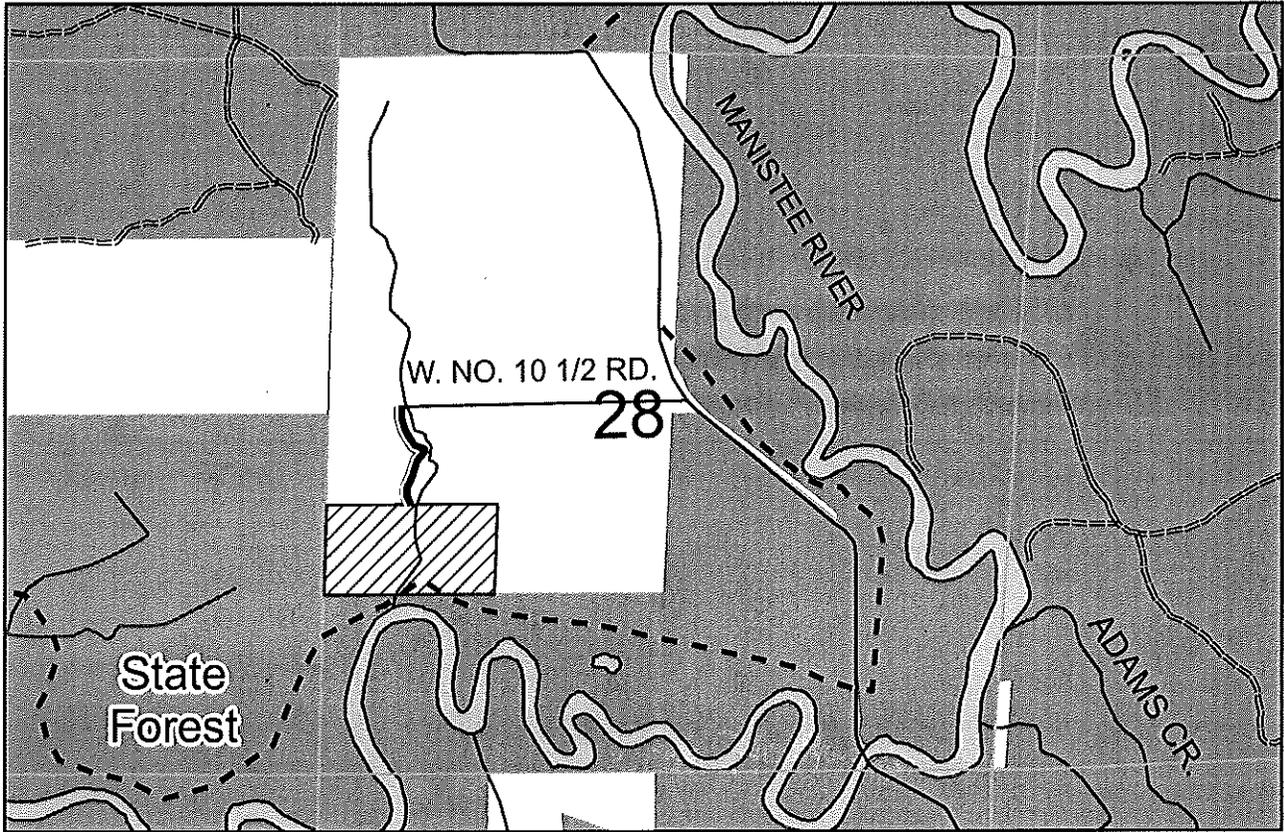
Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations

Keith Creagh
Director

Date Approved

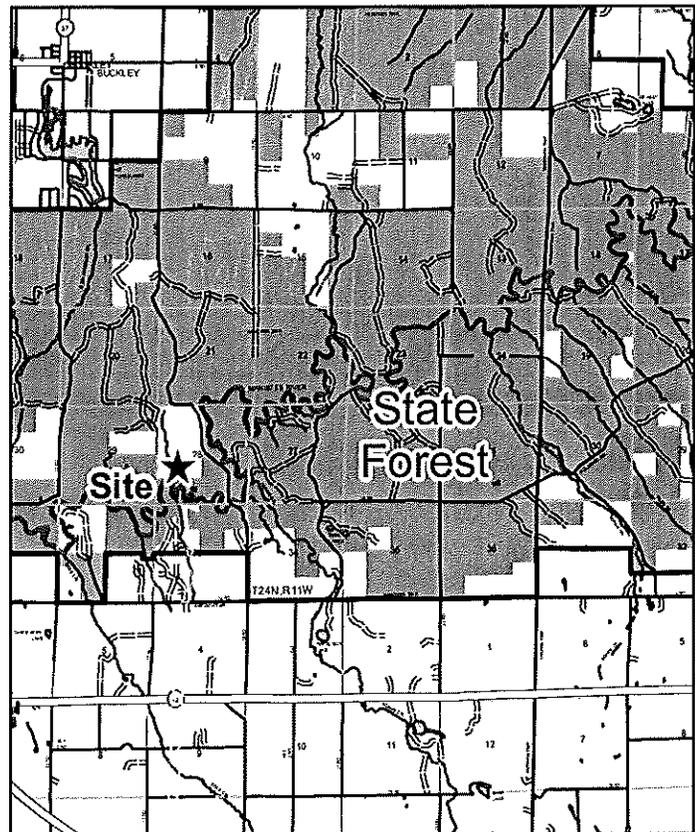
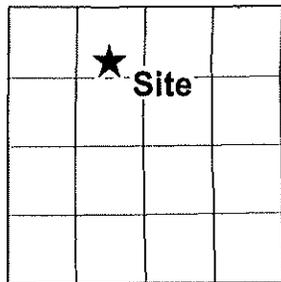
**STATE FOREST LAND ACQUISITION
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**Section 28, T24N, R11W
 Hanover Township**

-  State Forest Boundary
-  Land Offered to DNR
(20 acres -- \$50,000.00)
-  Easement
-  North Country Trail
-  State Land
-  Private Land

Wexford County



Regional Location



DNR -- Finance & Operations Division
 Real Estate Services Section
 07/26/2012

