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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

March 18, 2013

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Sale of Surplus State-owned Land
Gaylord Management Unit – Otsego County
Land Transaction Case #20100269

Sale: 13.33 acres, more or less

Minimum Bid: \$13,000.00

Description: Otsego County, Otsego Lake Township, T29N, R03W, Section 33, the
W1/2 of the E2/3 of the N1/2 of the S1/2 of the SE1/2

Applicant(s): Elizabeth Sauers, Wayne, MI.

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources
(Department) April 2, 2013, calendar, and is eligible for approval on April
9, 2013.

Acquired: By tax reversion in 1985.

Minerals: To be retained.

Comments: The desired 13.33-acre parcel of State-owned land is located
approximately ten miles northwest of the city of Gaylord in Otsego
County and is within the Gaylord Management Unit. The desired
property has no legal access and the Department does not have access
for management purposes. While the property is within the current State
Forest boundary, it has never been added to the State Forest Inventory
System. The tract is completely surrounded by numerous private
landowners and due to the small size, even if access was obtained
recreational opportunities are limited and future commercial timber
management is highly unlikely.

Due to the lack of access to the public and Department and inability to
manage the parcel for natural resources and recreational purposes, the
Land Exchange Review Committee (LERC) recommended disposal of
the surplus land at their August 23, 2012, meeting. The applicant
requested purchasing the land by direct sale, however LERC has denied
that request and the property will be available via public auction to the
highest bidder.

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Proceeds of the sale be deposited in the LEFF. The Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF) Act allows the Department to sell rights in land and deposit the proceeds in a fund which can then be used to acquire replacement property.

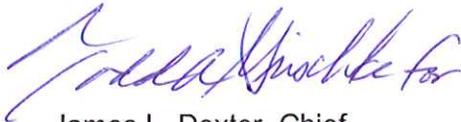
- Recommendation:
- (1) That the land be sold via auction to the highest bidder, with the minimum bid being \$13,000.
 - (2) That the proceeds of the sale be deposited in the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund.
 - (3) That the State of Michigan retain mineral rights and aboriginal antiquities.



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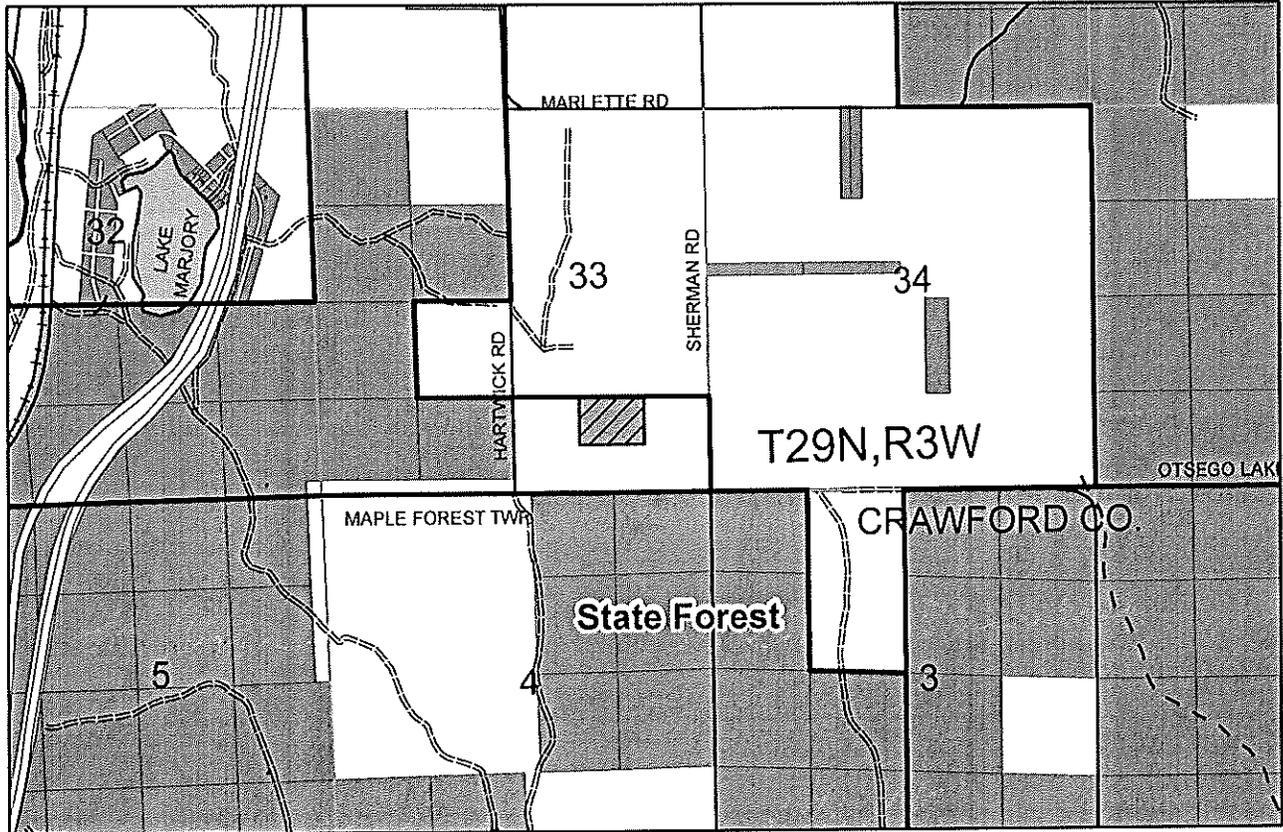
Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations

Keith Creagh
Director

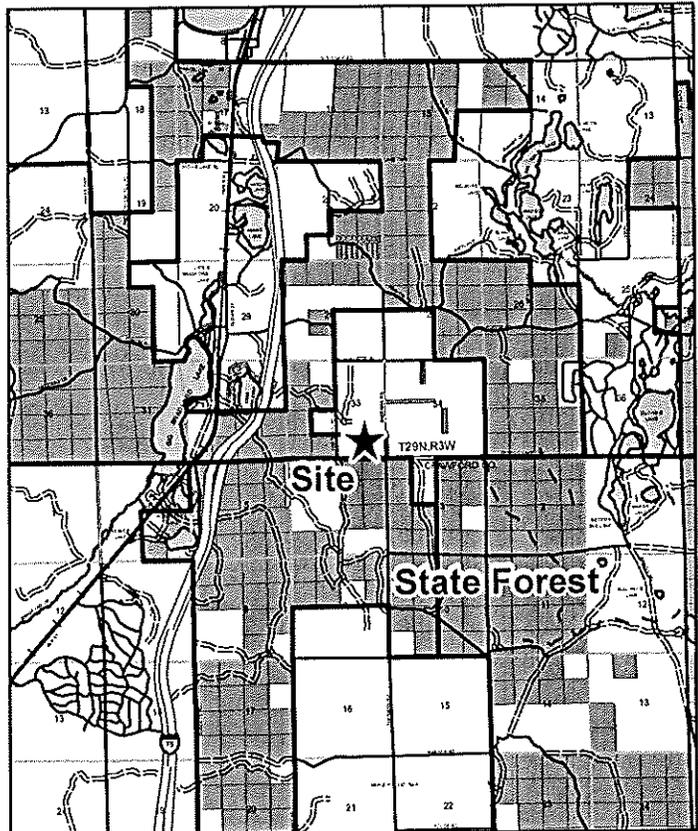
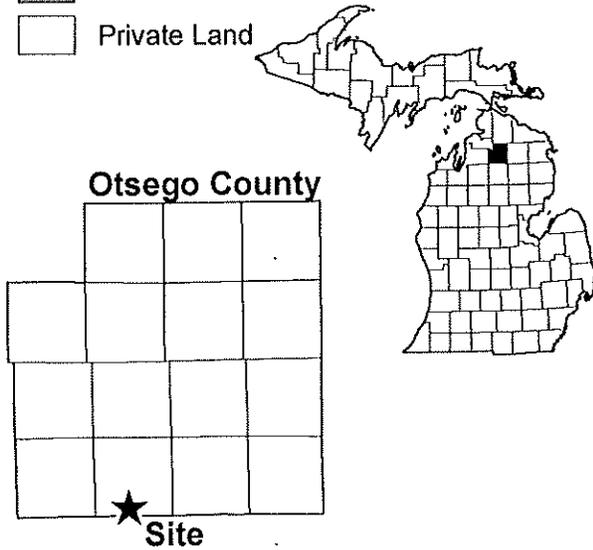
Date Approved

**SALE OF SURPLUS STATE-OWNED LAND
Gaylord Management Unit -- Otsego County
Land Transaction Case #20100269**



**Section 33, T29N, R3W
Otsego Lake Township**

-  State Forest Boundary
-  State Land to be Sold (13.33 acres)
-  State Land
-  Private Land



Regional Location



DNR -- Finance & Operations Division
Real Estate Services Section
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