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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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RODNEY A. STOKES  
DIRECTOR

March 14, 2011

TO: Rodney A. Stokes, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Recreation Land Acquisition  
Tahquamenon Falls State Park – Chippewa County  
The Hiatt-Coombe Tract  
Land Transaction Case #20100241

Purchase Price: 40 acres – \$34,000.00

Description: Whitefish Township, Chippewa County described as the S ½ of the W ½ of the NE ¼ being 40 acres of Section 7, T49N, R7W.

Sellers: Pam Hiatt and Jimmie Coombe, Paradise, Michigan

Option Expires: May 6, 2011

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department’s March 28, 2011 Calendar, and is eligible for approval April 4, 2011.

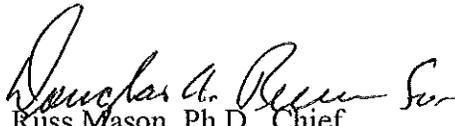
Comments: The offered private land is located within the boundary of Tahquamenon Falls State Park. Covered in a mix of low lying cedar swamp and some upland covered in a mix of conifer and northern hardwoods, this rectangular parcel of land is accessible via Sheephead Road which cuts across the northwesterly corner of the parcel. Bounded on the south and east by State-owned land, the acquisition of the offered private land provides improved public access along Sheephead Road and provides additional resource protection within the Park. Acquisition of the offered developable lot furthers the land consolidation, habitat management and public outdoor recreation goals of the Department.

The purchase will include any mineral rights owned by the seller.

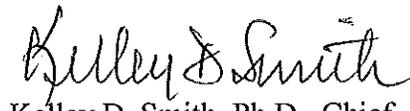
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On February 17, 2011, the Land Exchange Review Committee approved the use of funds from the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF). The LEFF Act allows the Department to sell rights in land and deposit the proceeds in a fund, which can be used to acquire replacement property.

- Recommendation:
- 1) That this tract be approved for purchase with payment to be made from the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF).
  - 2) That this tract be dedicated as part of the Tahquamenon Falls State Park.

  
Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief  
Wildlife Division

  
Lynne M. Boyd, Chief  
Forest Management Division

  
Kelley D. Smith, Ph.D., Chief  
Fisheries Division

  
Ronald A. Olson, Chief  
Recreation Division

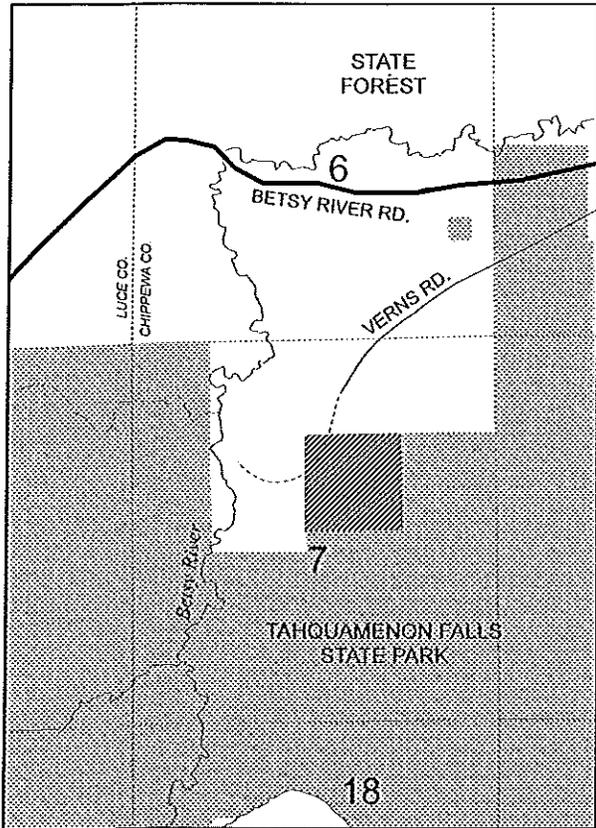
  
Mindy Koch, Deputy Director  
Resource Management

I approve the staff recommendation.

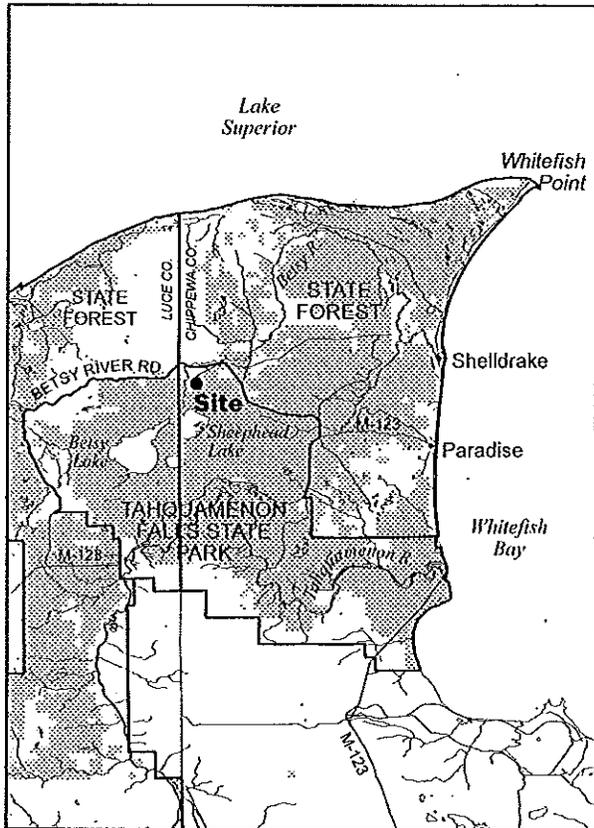
Rodney A. Stokes  
Director

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Date Approved

RECREATION LAND ACQUISITION  
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 The Hiatt-Coombe Tract  
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Section 6, T49N, R07W, Whitefish Township



Regional Location

- State Forest and Park boundaries
- ▨ Land offered to DNRE (40.00 acres - \$34,000.00)
- State land
- Private land

