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July 13, 2009

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Acquisition
Atlanta Management Unit – Montmorency County
The Wicks Tract
Land Transaction Case #20070232

Purchase Price: 40.0 acres – \$58,000.00

Description: Montmorency County, Albert Township, T29N, R02E, the
SE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 18

Seller: Jan M. Wicks, Oak Park, Michigan

Property Taxes: The 2008 property taxes were \$1,113.69

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department)
August 3, 2009 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on August 10, 2009.

Comments: The offered private parcel is located in southwest Montmorency County,
approximately four miles east of Lewiston.

This upland property has a rolling topography that is wooded with northern Michigan hardwoods. Access to the parcel will be by the adjacent State-owned lands, which border the parcel on two sides. A small hunting cabin of little value is located in the northwest corner of the property and is slated for removal by the Department after acquisition. A producing oil and gas well is present on the property and mineral rights are being reserved by the seller.

Acquisition of this private in-holding will link a 120-acre State-owned parcel to a larger block of State Forest land. A significant benefit of the acquisition will be the rerouting of a heavily used snowmobile trail off of private land in order to assure permanent protection of the trail. This reroute will eliminate the need for two county road crossings and for trail managers to maintain permission to cross private land.

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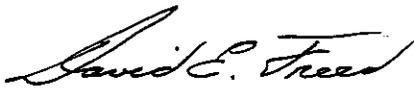
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The Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF) Act allows the Department to sell rights in land and deposit the proceeds in a fund which can then be used to acquire replacement property.

Recommendations: (1) That the acquisition be approved, with a payment of \$17,000 to be made from funds appropriated under the Snowmobile Trail Grant Program and the remainder to be made from the LEFF, under authority of Part 21, Act 451 of 1994, as amended.

(2) That the property be dedicated as part of the Atlanta Management Unit, with the land to be administered by the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division.



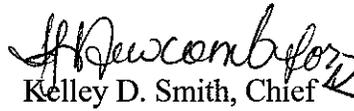
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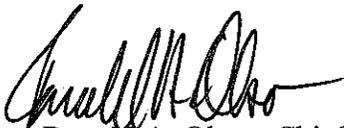
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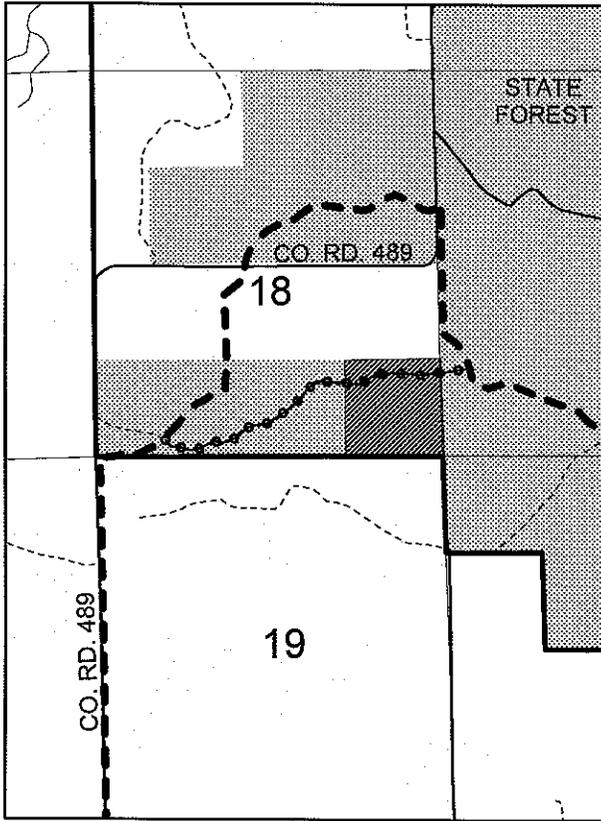
Arminda S. Koch
Resource Management Deputy

I approve the staff recommendations.

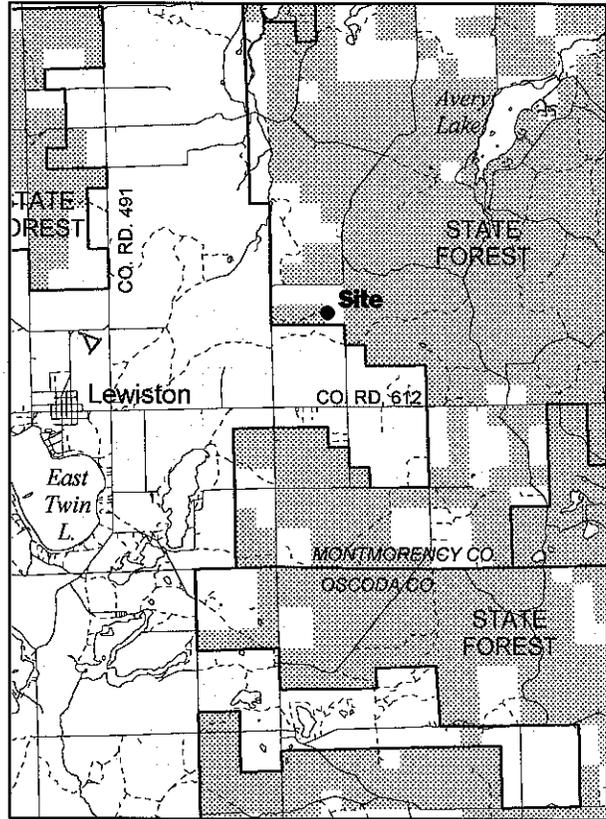
Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

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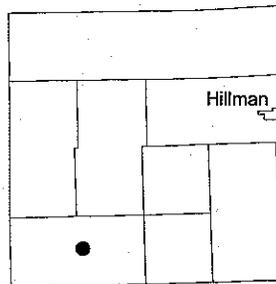


Section 18, T29N, R02E, Albert Township



Regional Location

- State Forest boundary
- - Existing snowmobile trail
- Proposed snowmobile trail
- ▨ Land offered to DNR (40.00 acres - \$58,000.00)
- ▤ State land
- Private land



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