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July 13, 2009

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Acquisition
Gaylord Management Unit – Antrim County
The Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy Tract
Land Transaction Case #20080131

Purchase: 104.0 acres of forest land with 1,250 feet of river frontage – \$370,000.00

Description: Antrim County, Jordan Township, T31N, R06W, Section 7:
The Northeast ¼ of the Northwest fractional ¼ lying North of the East Jordan and Southern Railroad right-of-way; ALSO, the West ½ of the Northwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼; ALSO, the East ¼ of the Southeast ¼ of the Northwest fractional ¼ lying North of the Jordan River; ALSO, the West ½ of the Southwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼; ALSO, the Northeast ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ lying North of the Jordan River; ALSO, the North ½ of the West ½ of the Northwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼ lying North of the Jordan River; ALSO, Right-of-way of the East Jordan and Southern Railroad, 100 feet wide across the following: Northwest ¼ of the fractional ¼; West ¼ of the Northeast ¼ of the Northwest fractional ¼; Northeast ¼ of Southeast ¼; ALSO, Right-of-Way of East Jordan and Southern Railroad, 50 feet wide across the following: Northeast ¼ of the Northwest fractional ¼; Southwest ¼ of the Northeast ¼; Northwest ¼ of the Southeast ¼.

Seller: Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy (GTRLC), Traverse City, Michigan

Stipulation: The Department of Natural Resources (Department) will pay the cost to remove the land from the Commercial Forest Act (CFA), estimated to be \$25,000.00.

Property Taxes: Not applicable due to the property being owned by the GTRLC, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization.

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Authority: Part 21, Subpart 11, of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department's August 3, 2009 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on August 10, 2009.

Comments: This project involves the acquisition of 104.0 acres of forested riverfront property. The property is located approximately three miles southeast of East Jordan. The main attributes of the property include: 1,500 feet of frontage on Mount Bliss Road; 1,250 feet of frontage on the Jordan River; 2,200 feet of frontage on Severance Creek; and 2,300 feet of former railroad grade southeast of the main property. Two sides of the property are bordered by State-owned land and the section of railroad corridor to be acquired will serve to link two existing parcels of State-owned land.

The Jordan River flows uninterrupted by dams for 33 miles through its scenic valley and has extremely high water quality, stable flow, and an excellent trout fishery. The headwaters and nearly 15 miles of the upper portion of the stream flow through an area with significant State land holdings. Due to the unique characteristics of the river, it has been designated as a Michigan Natural River which provides special protection through zoning and setback requirements approved and supported by the local units of government.

The primary purposes of this acquisition are to consolidate State ownership; protect the natural resource and watershed values of the Jordan River corridor; manage the property as forestland; protect high quality habitat for native plants and animals; and provide quality public recreational access.

The acquisition will include those mineral rights owned by the GTRLC.

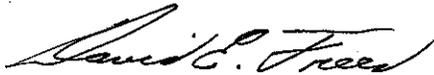
This acquisition is a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) "line item" and a partnership between the GTRLC and the Department. The GTRLC purchased the property in 2006 and the GTRLC has offered to sell to the Department at below the current appraised value.

A portion of the cost will be paid 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 then be used to acquire replacement property.

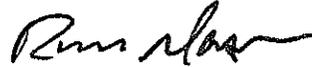
Recommendations: (1) That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the MNRTF, State Forest Land Consolidation Initiative Project, Act 59, Public Acts of 2007, and up to \$100,000.00 of acquisition costs from the LEFF, under authority of Part 21, Act 451 of 1994, as amended.

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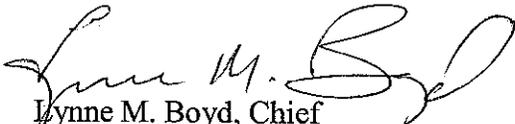
- (2) That the Department pay the cost of withdrawal from CFA.
- (3) That the property be dedicated as part of the Gaylord Management Unit, with the land to be administered by the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division.



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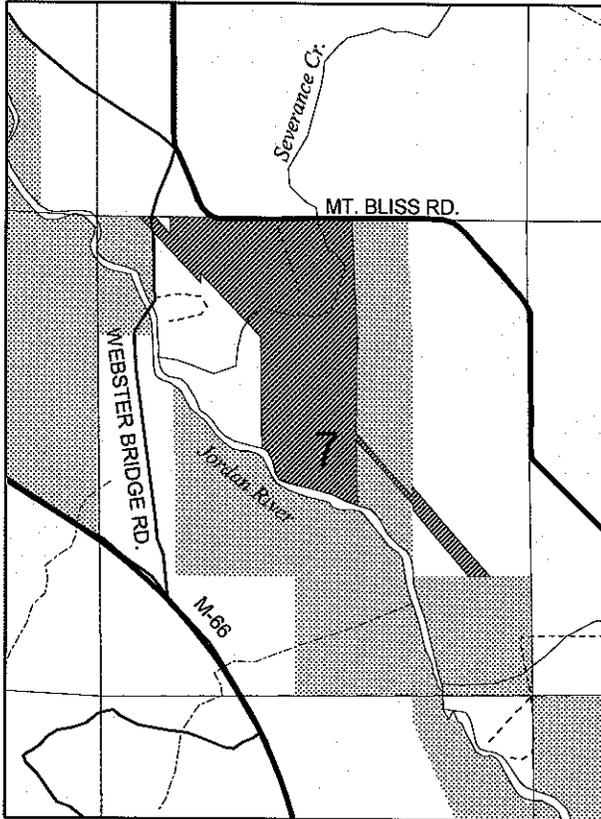
Arminda S. Koch
Resource Management Deputy

I approve the staff recommendations.

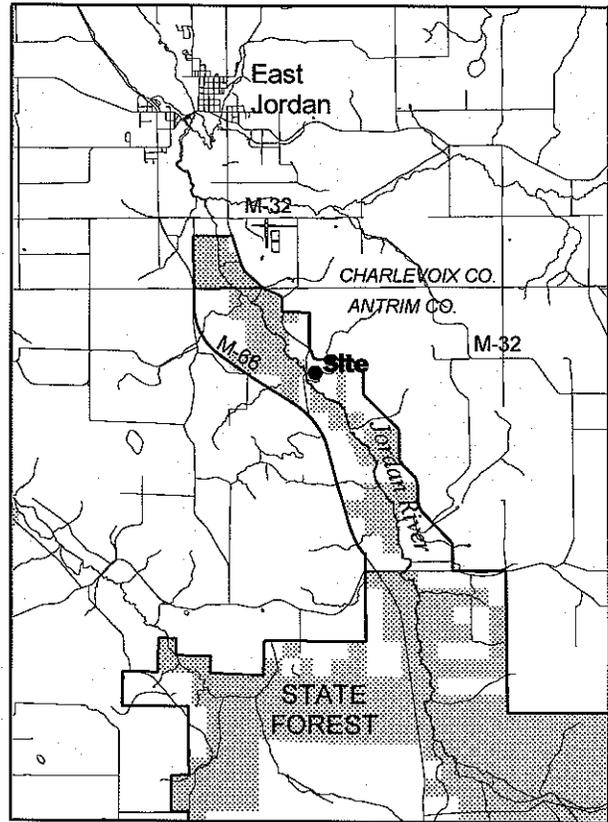
Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

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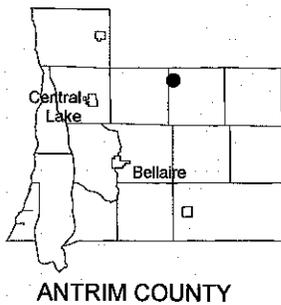


Section 7, T31N, R06W, Jordan Township



Regional Location

-  State Forest boundary
-  Land offered to DNR (104.00 acres - \$370,000.00)
-  State land
-  Private land



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