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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT  
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March 8, 2010

**TO:** Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

**INFORMATION:** Natural Resources Commission

**Transaction:** State Forest Land Acquisition  
Baraga Management Unit – Houghton County  
The Kauma Tract  
Land Transaction Case #20080227

**Purchase:** 4/5 undivided interest in 80.0 acres of forested land with 1,200 feet of river frontage – \$72,800.00

**Description:** Houghton County, Portage Township, T53N, R34W, Section 17: An undivided 4/5 interest in the S ½ of the SE ¼.

**Sellers:** Toivo and Nancy Kauma, Chassell, Michigan

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

**Notice:** This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources and Environment's (Department) March 29, 2010 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on April 5, 2010.

**Comments:** The offered 4/5 undivided interest parcel is located in central Houghton County, approximately six miles south of South Range, and seven miles southwest of Chassell. Public access is provided to the parcel by Valley Road. The property is wooded, with 1,200 feet of the Otter River flowing through the eastern portion. From the riverfront, the topography rises gradually to the west, into an area of upland and a large tract of State Forest land.

The 4/5 undivided interest provides unique benefits to the Department. To the west of the offered property the Department owns and manages a 4,908-acre tract of State Forest Land. The offered property links this landlocked State parcel to the public road system. At present, the Department owns a 1/5 undivided interest in the 80 acres.

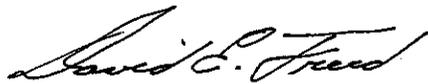
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In addition to securing public access to State land, acquisition of this parcel will contribute to the Department's goals of limiting land fragmentation, securing wildlife habitat, enhancing forest management, and increasing public recreation opportunities.

The sellers will convey any mineral rights that they may hold relative to the offered land.

On February 18, 2010, 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: That this acquisition be approved for purchase with payment to be made from the LEFF, under authority of Part 21, Act 451 of 1994, as amended.



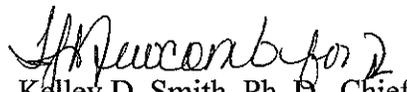
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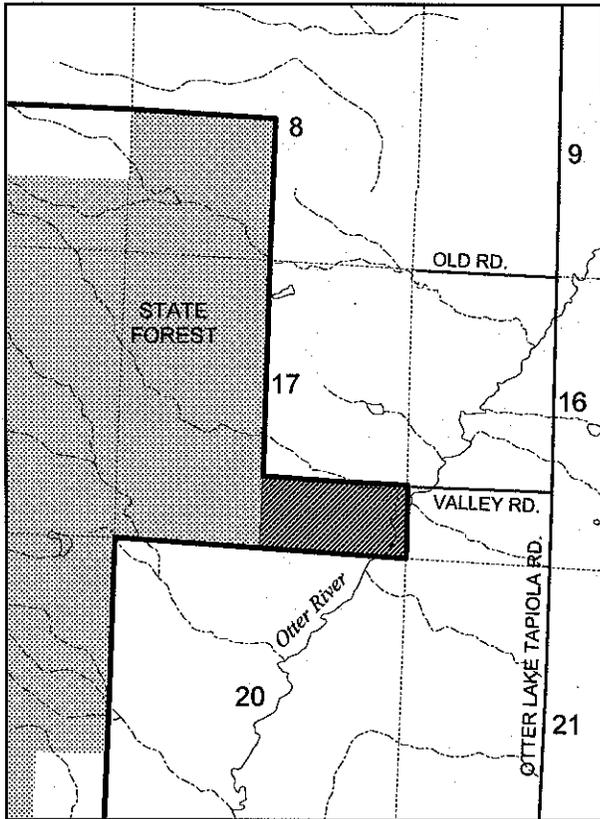
Arminda S. Koch  
Resource Management Deputy Director

I approve the staff recommendation.

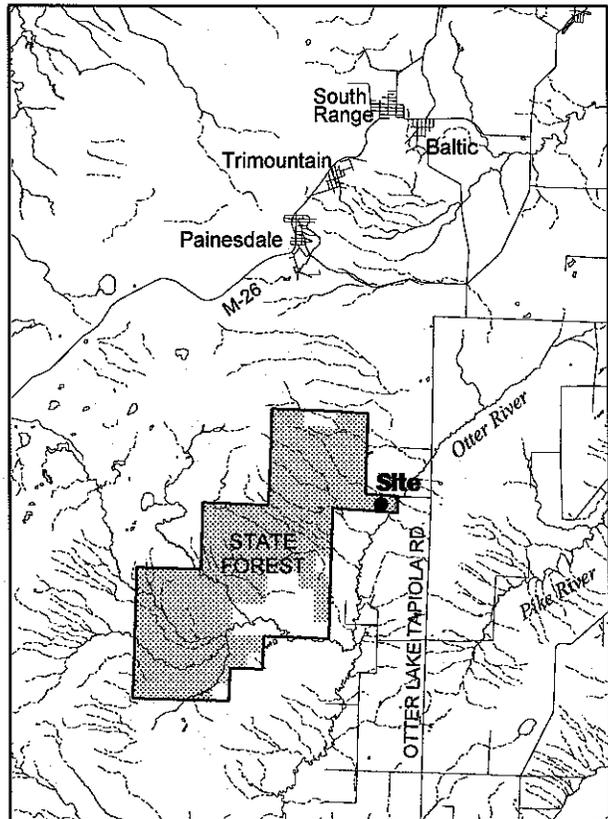
Rebecca A. Humphries  
Director

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Date Approved

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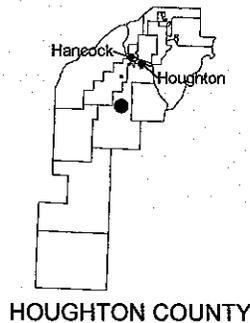


Section 17, T53N, R34W, Portage Township



Regional Location

- State Forest boundary
- Land offered to DNRE (4/5 undivided interest in 80.00 acres - \$72,800.00)
- State land
- Private land



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