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March 9, 2009

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Wildlife Land Acquisition  
Gaylord Management Unit – Charlevoix County  
The DiPonio Tract  
Land Transaction Case #20090007

Purchase Price: 66.80 acres – \$70,000.00

Description: Charlevoix County, Melrose Township, T33N, R05W, Section 15: S ½ of NW ¼; except that part of the S ½ of NW ¼ lying North of the Bear River, containing 66.80 acres, more or less.

Seller: Samuel D. Sweet, Trustee, US Bankruptcy Court, Ortonville, Michigan

Option Expires: April 27, 2009

Property Taxes: The 2007 property taxes were \$2,083.27

Authority: Part 5 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department) March 23, 2009 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on March 30, 2009.

Comments: The offered privately-owned parcel is located in northeastern Charlevoix County, eight miles northeast of Boyne City, within the boundary of the Gaylord Management Unit.

The 66.80-acre vacant tract contains 1,000 feet of frontage along the Bear River. The majority of the parcel exhibits a level topography with poorly-drained soils, except for a portion in the southeast corner that contains an upland component. Forest cover is a combination of lowland conifers adjacent to the riparian corridor, with a mixture of northern hardwoods, pine, and aspen in the southern upland portion. Although the property does not have frontage on a public road, access is available across State-owned land that adjoins this property along its eastern boundary.

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This parcel represents another in a series of acquisitions in northern Michigan intended to protect deer “winter-complex habitat.” Such parcels offer the opportunity for deer to have food and shelter in close proximity in order to enhance winter survival.

Acquisition of this tract will contribute to the Department’s goals of securing wildlife corridors, enhancing forest and wildlife management potential, and increasing public recreational opportunities in Michigan’s northern Lower Peninsula.

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

Recommendation: That this tract be approved for purchase with payment to be made using the remaining funds appropriated for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF), Winter Deer Habitat Initiative, as approved in Act 153, Public Acts of 2006, to the extent possible, with the balance to be paid from the MNRTF, Winter Deer Habitat Initiative, as approved in Act 59, Public Acts of 2007.



David E. Freed, Chief  
Land and Facilities



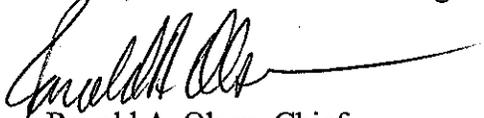
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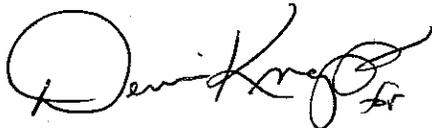
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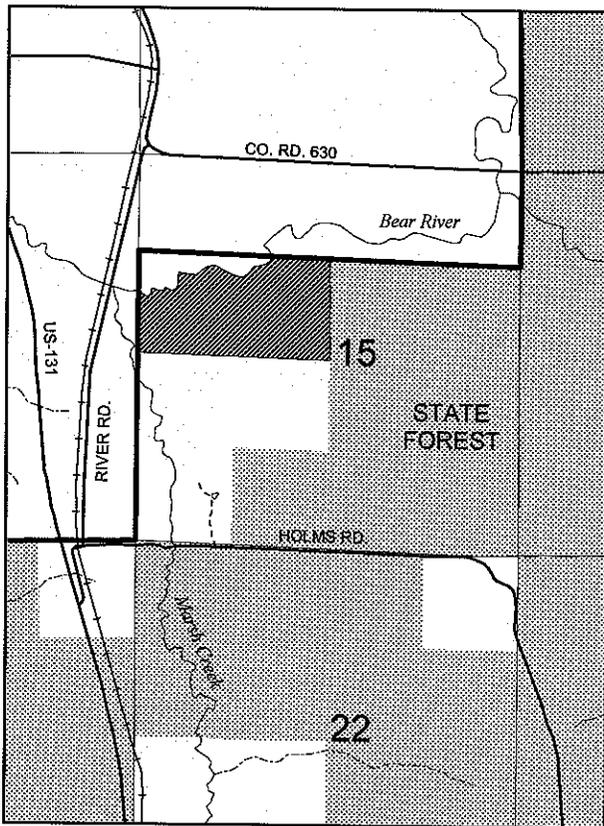
Armind S. Koch  
Resource Management Deputy

I approve the staff recommendation.

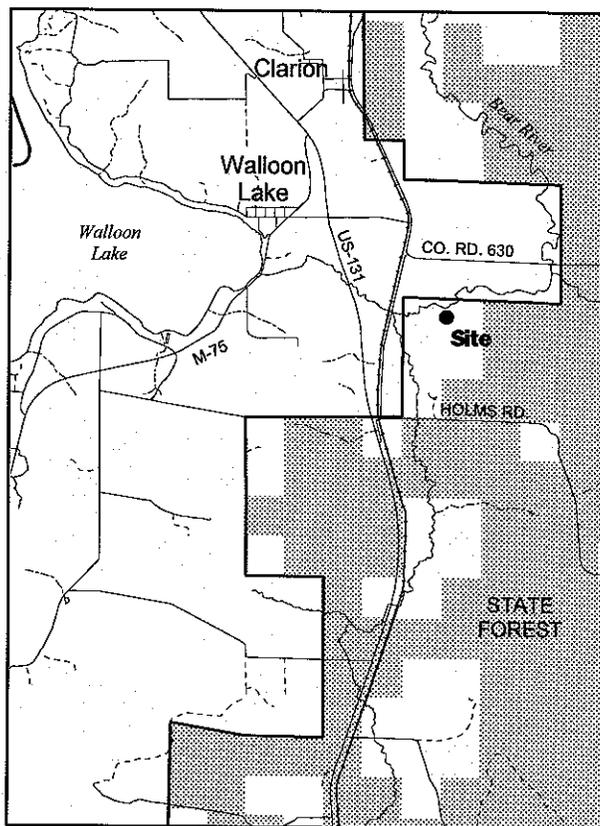
Rebecca A. Humphries  
Director

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Date Approved

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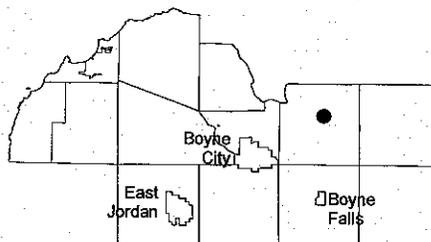


Section 15, T33N, R05W, Melrose Township



Regional Location

- State Forest boundary
- Private land offered to DNR (66.80 acres - \$70,000.00)
- State land
- Private land



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