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DIRECTOR

July 13, 2009

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Acquisition
Crystal Falls Management Unit – Iron County
The Michael Casanova Tract
Land Transaction Case #20090010

Purchase Price: 281.04 acres – \$350,000.00

Description: Iron County, Mastodon Township, T42N, R31W, Section 18: W ½ of NW ¼,
and SE ¼ of NW ¼; and Mastodon Township, T42N, R32W, Section 13:
NE ¼.

Seller: Michael Casanova, Eden Prairie, Minnesota

Option Expires: September 17, 2009

Stipulation: The seller stipulates that closing of the purchase is to be completed in two tax years with payment for purchase of the land in T42N, R32W, Section 13 (\$190,000.00) to be completed prior to December 31, 2009, and payment for purchase of the land in T42N, R31W, Section 18 (\$160,000.00) to be completed as soon as practical after January 1, 2010.

Property Taxes: The 2008 property taxes were \$1,555.00

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 281.04-acre private parcel is located in southeastern Iron County, approximately nine miles southeast of the city of Crystal Falls, Michigan.

The parcel is vacant and exhibits a level to rolling topography with generally well-drained sandy soils. Forest cover is predominated by a mixture of pines that are remnants from harvest activities conducted several years ago. Open areas inter-mix with the forest and provide a scenic display. Access is available

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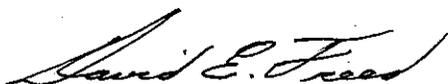
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by way of an easement across State-owned land that adjoins this property along three sides.

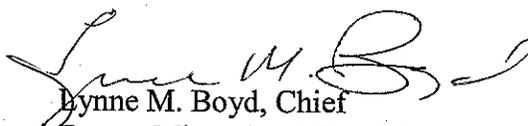
Acquisition of this private in-holding will significantly consolidate ownership by eliminating 1.5 miles of private/public property boundary inside the forest. In addition, Forest, Mineral and Fire Management field staff reports that the tract is especially well-suited for timber production, will increase public recreational opportunities, and secure additional wildlife habitat in the Crystal Falls Management Unit.

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

Recommendation: That this tract be approved for purchase with payment to be made from funds appropriated for the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Upper Peninsula Eco-Regional Land Consolidation, as approved in Act 278, Public Acts of 2008.



David E. Freed, Chief
Land and Facilities



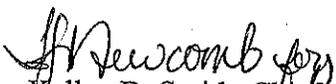
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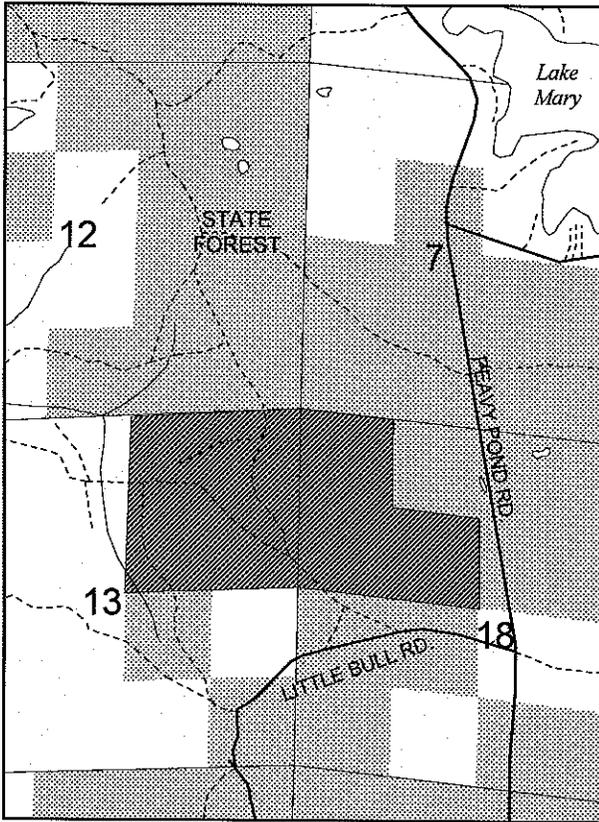
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Resource Management Deputy

I approve the staff recommendation.

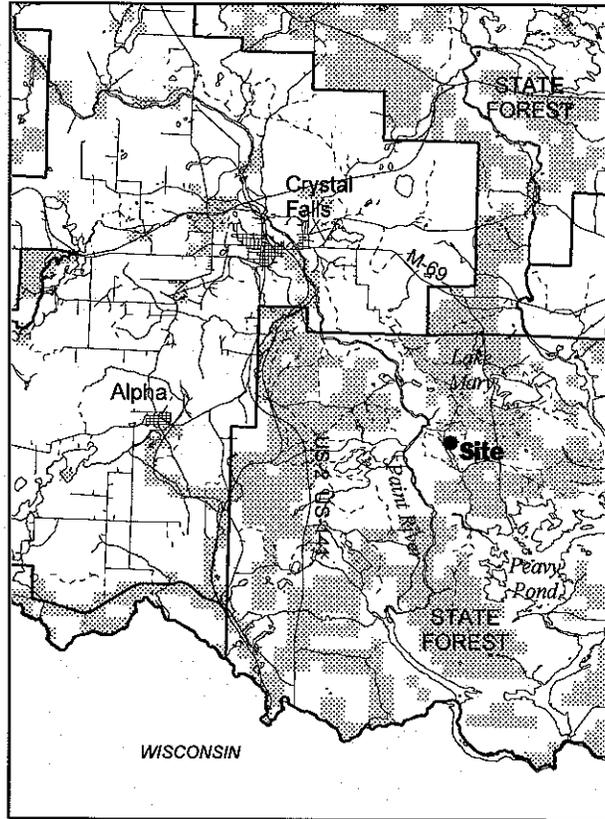
Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

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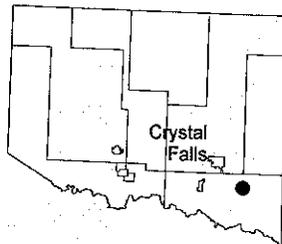


Section 18, T42N, R31W
 Section 13, T42N, R32W
 Mastodon Township



Regional Location

- State Forest boundary
- Land offered to DNR (281.04 acres - \$350,000.00)
- State land
- Private land



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