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DIRECTOR

August 17, 2009

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TO: Natural Resources Commission

INFORMATION: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

Transaction: State Forest Trail Acquisition
Traverse City Management Unit – Manistee County
Interlochen to Kaleva Trail
Land Transaction Case #20090021

Purchase: 14.36 acres (1.18 linear miles) - \$26,500.00

Description: Manistee County, Springdale Township, T24N, R14W, Section 11: A strip of land 100 feet in width situate in Section 11, T24N, R14W, lying 50 feet on either side of the following described centerline: Beginning at the intersection of centerline of the C&O Railroad right-of-way with the centerline of Springdale Road, such beginning point being 100 feet more or less East of the Southwest corner of the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼, thence extended in a Northeasterly direction a distance of 6,256 feet, more or less, to the point of ending on the North line of said section, said point of ending being 225.8 feet West of the Northeast corner of Section 11, T24N-R14W, Springdale Township, Manistee County, containing 14.36 acres more or less.

Seller: Benzie Manistee Snowbirds, Arcadia, Michigan

Reservations: Minerals reserved by a third party. Subject to two pre-existing roadway crossing easements.

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources' (Department) August 31, 2009 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on September 8, 2009.

Comments: The offered fee interest in 14.36 acres of inactive railroad corridor fills in a 1.18-mile gap in Department ownership on the Interlochen to Kaleva Trail.

Acquired in 1996 and 2003, the Interlochen to Kaleva Trail includes a number of gaps in Department ownership. When the offered parcel first became available, the Department was not in a position to acquire it. Recognizing the long-term importance of securing ownership to this parcel, the Benzie-Manistee Snowbirds snowmobile club stepped in to make the purchase in 2002.

The acquisition of this parcel, in conjunction with an adjacent 2.25-mile long segment acquired by the Department in 2008, fills a major gap in the trail south of Thompsonville. The two purchases will help eliminate the need for the existing trail reroute that utilizes seasonal county and forest roads.

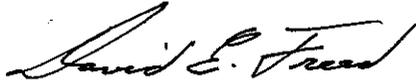
At Thompsonville, the Interlochen to Kaleva Trail connects with two other trailways. The 22-mile-long Betsie Valley Trail heads northwest to travel along the southern shore of Crystal Lake before reaching Frankfort and Elberta. The 8.5-mile-long Thompsonville to Viaduct Road Trail heads southeast and passes through Copemish before ending at the Manistee County line.

Based on past practice, acquisition cases involving potential acquisition of Michigan Trailways are presented to the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) for approval.

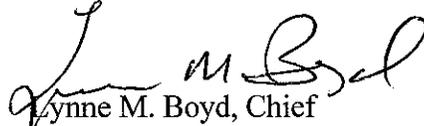
- Recommendations:
- (1) That the proposed acquisition be approved by the NRC under the Abandoned Railroad Policy (NRC Policy 2626) approved by the Commission at its April 1973 meeting.
 - (2) That the purchase of 1.18 miles of corridor, totaling 14.36 acres, more or less, be approved with payment to be made from funds appropriated from either the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, State Trailways Initiative, as contained in Act 153, Public Acts of 2006, or the State Trailways Acquisition Initiative as contained in Act 59 of 2007, as available at time of closing.
 - (3) That the property be dedicated for public use and administered by the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division.

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(4) That the lands described above be acquired for use as a Michigan Trailway and designated as such when the legislated requirements are met, pursuant to Part 721 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended.



David E. Freed, Chief
Land and Facilities



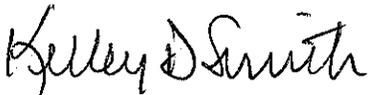
Lynne M. Boyd, Chief
Forest, Mineral and Fire Management



Russ Mason, Chief
Wildlife



Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Parks and Recreation

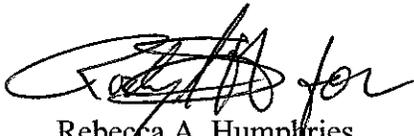


Kelley D. Smith, Chief
Fisheries



Arminda S. Koch
Resource Management Deputy

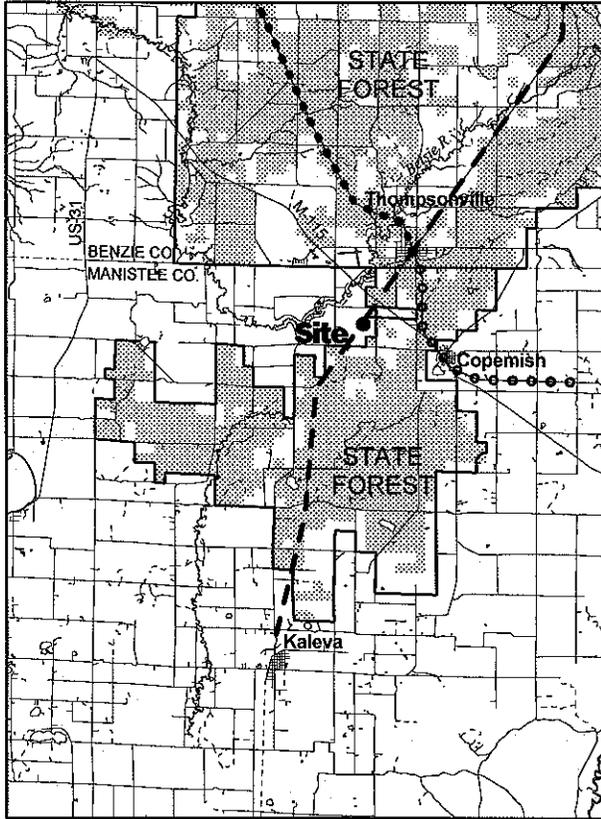
I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the NRC has authority.



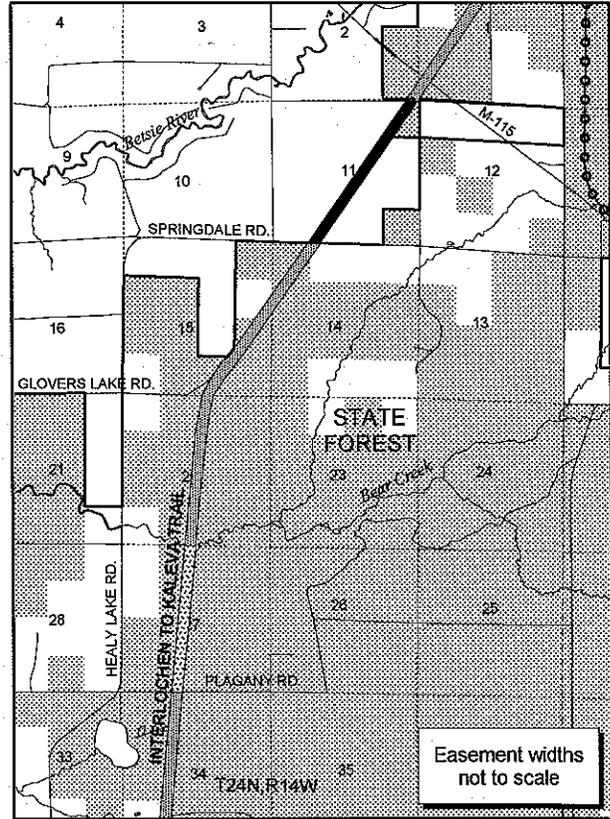
Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

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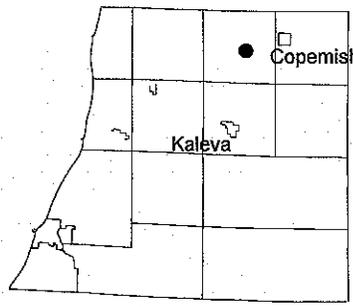


Regional Location



Section 11, T24N, R14W, Springdale Township

- State Forest boundary
- - Interlochen to Kaleva Trail
- Betsie Valley Trail
- Thompsonville-Viaduct Road Trail
- ▨ State land
- Private land
- Thompsonville-Viaduct Road Trail
- Land offered to DNR (14.36 acres; 1.18 miles - \$26,500.00)
- ▨ Corridor owned by Merit Energy
- ▨ Corridor owned by DNR



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