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December 7, 2009

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction (Tract 1): Wildlife Land Acquisition
Crystal Falls Management Unit – Iron County
The Lone Cedar Environmental, LLC Tract
Land Transaction Case #20090075

Purchase Price: 120.0 acres – \$117,000.00

Description: Iron County, Hematite Township, T45N, R34W, Section 30: SW ¼ of NE ¼ and W ½ of SE ¼, plus easement for ingress and egress for Department management purposes only, over T45N, R34W, Section 31: NW ¼ of NE ¼ and N ½ of NW ¼.

Seller: Lone Cedar Environmental, LLC, Crystal Falls, Michigan

Option Expires: February 4, 2010

Reservation: The seller reserves a non-exclusive, non-transferrable 33-foot-wide easement for ingress and egress across T45N, R34W, Section 30: W ½ of SE ¼.

Property Taxes: The 2008 property taxes were \$1,388.45

Transaction (Tract 2): Wildlife Land Acquisition
Crystal Falls Management Unit – Iron County
The Pine River Lumber Company Tract
Land Transaction Case #20090074

Purchase Price: 40.0 acres - \$30,000.00

Description: Iron County, Hematite Township, T45N, R34W, Section 30: NE ¼ of NE ¼.

Seller: Pine River Lumber Company, Long Lake, Wisconsin

Option Expires: February 12, 2010

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Stipulation: The Department of Natural Resources (Department) will be responsible for payment of cost incurred by Pine River Lumber Company to remove the lands from the Commercial Forest Act. Withdrawal fee is estimated to be \$5,425.00.

Property Taxes: Since the property is included in the Commercial Forest Act, the property taxes for 2008 were \$48.48.

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department's December 28, 2009 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on January 4, 2010.

Comments: Offered Tract 1 and Tract 2 consist of adjoining vacant parcels, containing a total of 160 acres, located in north-central Iron County, 10 miles northwest of Amasa, within the boundary of the Crystal Falls Management Unit.

Tract 1 is a 120-acre vacant parcel exhibiting a level topography with slightly over one-half of the area containing poorly-drained soils with mixed conifers dominated by white cedar. The remainder consists of well-drained upland which is forested with aspen reproduction and saplings. Water features on the property include a small beaver pond and an unnamed tributary of Robinson Creek. The creek flows across the center of the tract and eventually empties into the Net River. Although the property does not have frontage on a public road, access is available across State-owned land which adjoins the north and east sides. In addition, the seller has offered an easement for Department management purposes across a portion of privately-owned land in Section 31, NW ¼ of NE ¼ and N ½ of NW ¼, which borders the southerly boundary of the offered tract.

Tract 2 is a 40-acre vacant parcel exhibiting a level topography with approximately one-half of the area consisting of poorly-drained soils with mixed vegetative cover of conifer species. The upland portion of the property contains aspen reproduction and mixed northern hardwoods. A series of woods roads provide good interior access and State-owned land adjoins this tract on three sides.

These parcels represent 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.

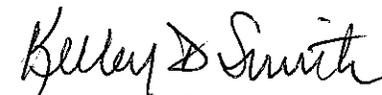
Both tracts are located within the Cable-Porter Lake deeryard complex and acquisition will contribute to the Department's goals of consolidating ownership, securing wildlife corridors, enhancing forest and wildlife management potential, and increasing public recreational opportunities in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

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

Recommendation: That these tracts be approved for purchase with payment to be made from 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, and the remainder from funds appropriated for the MNRTF, Winter Deer Habitat Initiative, as approved in Act 59, Public Acts of 2007.



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I approve the staff recommendation.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

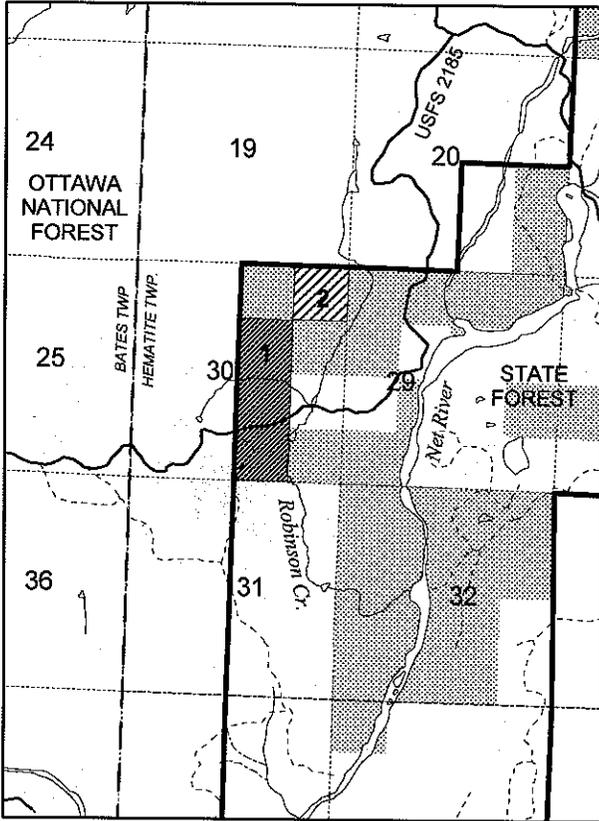
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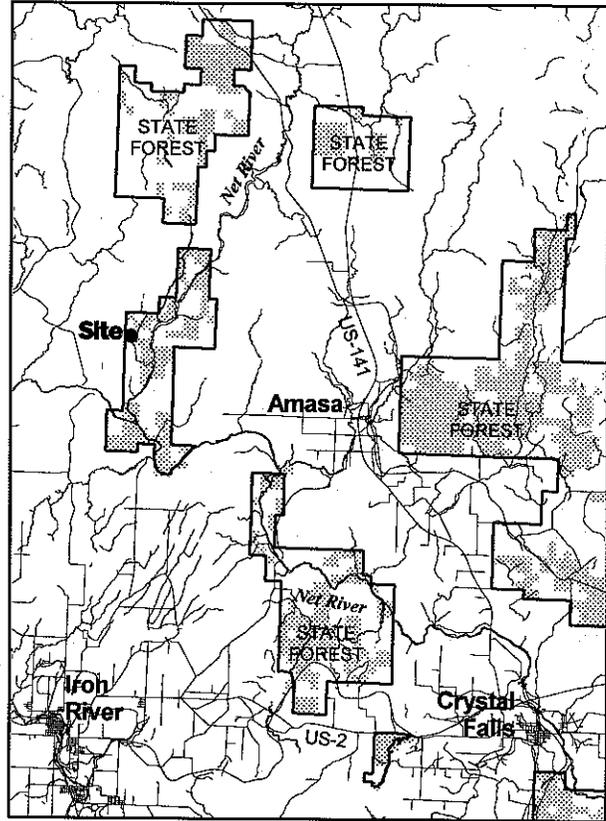
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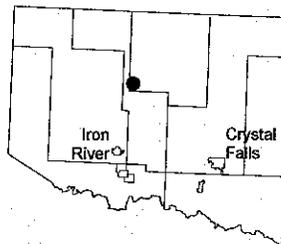


Section 30, T45N, R34W, Hematite Township



Regional Location

- State Forest boundary
- - National Forest boundary
- Tract 1 (Case #20090075): Private land offered to DNR (120.00 acres - \$117,000.00)
- Tract 2 (Case #20090074): Private land offered to DNR (40.00 acres - \$30,000.00)
- State land
- Private land



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