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February 8, 2010

TO:	Rebecca A. Humphries, Director
INFORMATION:	Natural Resources Commission
Transaction:	Forest Management Trail Easement Exchange Ishpeming to Humboldt Trail Gwinn Management Unit – Marquette County Land Transaction Case #20090157
Applicant:	Pepin-Ireco Incorporated, Ishpeming, Michigan
Easement Offered In Exchange:	Marquette County, City of Ishpeming, T47N, R27W, Section 16: See "Exhibit A" for the complete legal description. 0.69-acre, more or less.
Easement Desired In Exchange:	Marquette County, City of Ishpeming, T47N, R27W, Section 16: See "Exhibit A" for the complete legal description. 0.21-acre, more or less.
Authority:	Part 21 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended
Notice:	This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources and Environment's (Department) February 22, 2010 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on March 1, 2010.
Comments:	The offered and desired easements are located in Marquette County, at Winthrop Junction, southwest of downtown Ishpeming, along portions of the former Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic Railway's Second Subdivision Main Line, and the former Chicago & North Western Railway's Loop Line.

The exchange will enable continued use of the active railroad for material shipment, while accommodating the safe use of the trail through the Winthrop Junction site. With this transaction, the Department will obtain a permanent recreational trail easement that extends the route of the Ishpeming to Humboldt Trail, 1,120 feet into the City of Ishpeming. The Department will also reserve a trail crossing over the easement desired by the applicant.

Acquired in 2003, development of the Ishpeming to Humboldt Trail has been hindered due to the lack of a connector trail into the City of Ishpeming. This exchange resolves that shortcoming, and as a designated segment of the route for the locally proposed Iron Ore Heritage Trail (IOHT), will help stimulate the completion of other trail projects along the proposed route. The IOHT is envisioned as a 48-mile, multi-use, year round trail that connects, preserves, and interprets the significant sites, structures, and stories of Marquette County's iron mining heritage.

This transaction for the proposed easement exchange was reviewed by Department staff, and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on December 17, 2009.

Recommendations:

(1) That this exchange of easements be approved.

(2) That the Department reserve a trail crossing over the desired easement.

(3) That the offered easement be put to 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.

(4) That the offered easement be dedicated for public use and administered by the Forest Management Division.

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Wildlife Division

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Recreation Division

Kelley D. Smith, Ph.D., Chief
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Arminda S. Koch
Resource Management Deputy Director

I approve the staff recommendations.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

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Date Approved

EXHIBIT A
LTA Case #20090157

OFFERED EASEMENT

A strip of land being twenty Five (25) feet in width located in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 16, T47N, R27W, City of Ishpeming, Marquette County, Michigan described as follows: Commencing at the N ¼ Corner of said Section 16; thence N89°56'25"E 673.56 feet (along the North Line of said NE-NW, to the C/L of the Pepin Ireco Railroad) and the Point of Beginning; thence Southerly (along said C/L) on an irregular curve to the right 1120 feet more or less (to the C/L of Washington Street) and the Point of Ending, being S5°07'10"E 845.21 feet from the Point of Commencing. Said parcel contains 0.64 acres more or less.

And;

A strip of land being Eight (8) feet in width, lying southerly of , adjacent to, and parallel with the following described line, located in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 16, T47N, R27W, City of Ishpeming, Marquette County, Michigan; said line described as follows: Commencing at the N ¼ Corner of Said Section 16; thence S5°10'48"E 823.98 feet (to the C/L of Washington Street, and the South R/W of old DSS&A Railroad) and the Point of Beginning; thence (along said R/W the next two bearings), S76°06'55"W 73.20 feet; thence S78°12'54"W 195.27; thence N60°00'00"W 11.88 feet, (to the point of ending where the southerly 8' line meets the South R/W of the old DSS&A Railroad. Said parcel contains 0.05 acres more or less.

DESIRED EASEMENT

A strip of land being Fifteen (15) feet in width, (7.5 feet each side of and adjacent to the following described line), located in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼, and the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 16, T47N, R27W, City of Ishpeming, Marquette County, Michigan; said Center line described as follows: Commencing at the N ¼ Corner of Said Section 16; thence S5°20'18"E 773.12 feet (to the C/L Washington Street, and the C/L of old DSS&A Railroad) being the Point of Beginning; thence (along said C/L the next two Bearings), S76°06'55"W 80.72 feet; thence on a 5° curve to the left (R=955.00', D=17°26'02", L.C. bears S68°289.47 feet) 290.59 feet along the Arc, (to the point of ending on the South R/W of the old DSS&A Railroad. Said parcel is encumbered by a 25' DNRE Trail Crossing, and contains 0.21 acres.

RESERVED TRAIL CROSSING

A Railroad Track crossing, being Twenty Five (25.0) feet in width, twelve and one half (12.5) feet each side of the intersection of the C/L's of the Pepin Ireco Railroad Easement and the recreational trail), located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 16, T47N, R27W, City of Ishpeming, Marquette County, Michigan; described as follows: Commencing at the N ¼ Corner of said Section 16; thence S0°30'37"E 862.62 feet (along the East Line of said NE-NW); thence Due West 222.30 feet, (to said intersection of the C/L's).

FOREST MANAGEMENT TRAIL EASEMENT EXCHANGE

Ishpeming to Humboldt Trail
Gwinn Management Unit - Marquette County
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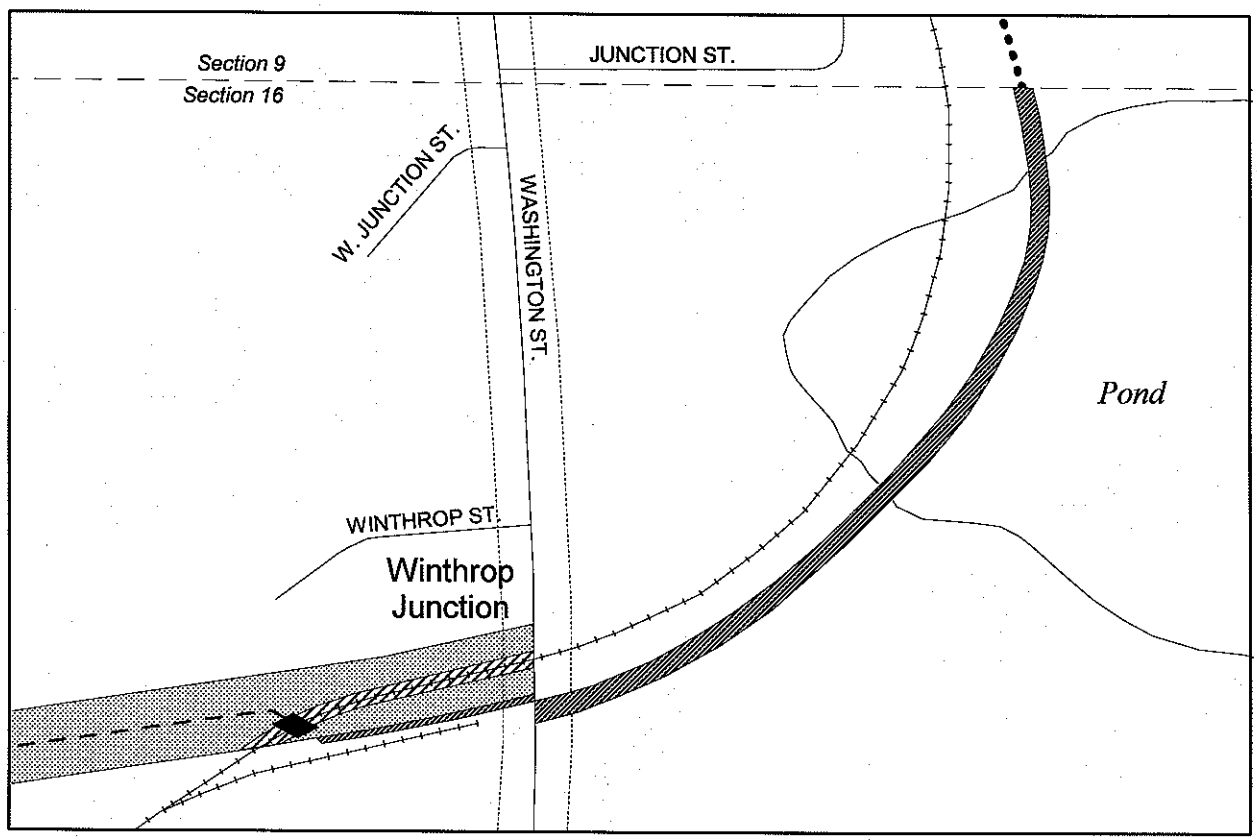
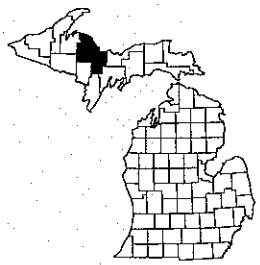
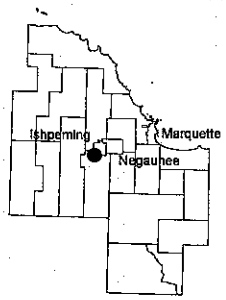


Section 16, T47N, R27W, City of Ishpeming

- Desired easement across state land (0.21 acre)
- Easement offered to DNRE (0.69 acre total)
- Railroad Crossing Reservation
- Ishpeming to Humboldt Trail (proposed route)
- Iron Ore Heritage Trail (proposed route)
- Active railroad
- Washington Street right-of-way
- State land
- Private land





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