STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT
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DIRECTOR

February 8, 2010

TO:	Rebecca A. Humphries, Director
INFORMATION:	Natural Resources Commission
Transaction:	Forest Management Land Acquisition Shingleton Management Unit – Schoolcraft County Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. Tract Land Transaction Case #20090158
Purchase Price:	40.0 acres – $33,000.00
Description:	Schoolcraft County, Hiawatha Township, T42N, R16W, Section 03: The NW ¼ of the SE ¼, plus easement for ingress and egress.
Seller:	Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc., Seattle, Washington
Option Expires:	April 29, 2010
Stipulation:	The Department of Natural Resources and Environment (Department), will reimburse the Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. for payment of cost, incurred to remove the lands from the Commercial Forest Act, (CFA). The withdrawal fee is estimated to be $3,697.76.
Property Taxes:	The 2009 property taxes were $48.00, due to the CFA enrollment.
Authority:	Part 5 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended
Notice:	This item will appear on the Department's February 22, 2010 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on March 1, 2010.
Comments:	The offered privately-owned parcel is located in southwestern Schoolcraft County, nine miles northwest of the city of Manistique. The 40-acre parcel is vacant and exhibits a generally level topography. Sand ridges and small knolls constitute the higher elevations on the property and transect the parcel. An internal trail road follows this ridge. Forest cover is predominated by mixed conifers in various age classes and scattered hardwoods are evident on the higher elevations. Access is provided by easement from

Highway 94 which is located approximately two miles to the southeast of this tract. State-owned land surrounds this parcel.

The purchase will include mineral rights owned by the seller.

This parcel is located inside the boundaries of the Shingleton Management Unit. Acquisition of this private in-holding will consolidate ownership, eliminate one mile of private/public property boundary inside the forest, increase public recreational opportunities, and secure additional wildlife habitat.

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.

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Lynne M. Boyd, Chief
Forest Management Division

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Fisheries Division

Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Recreation Division

Arminda S. Koch
Resource Management Deputy Director

I approve the staff recommendation.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

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Shingleton Management Unit - Schoolcraft County
The Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. Tract
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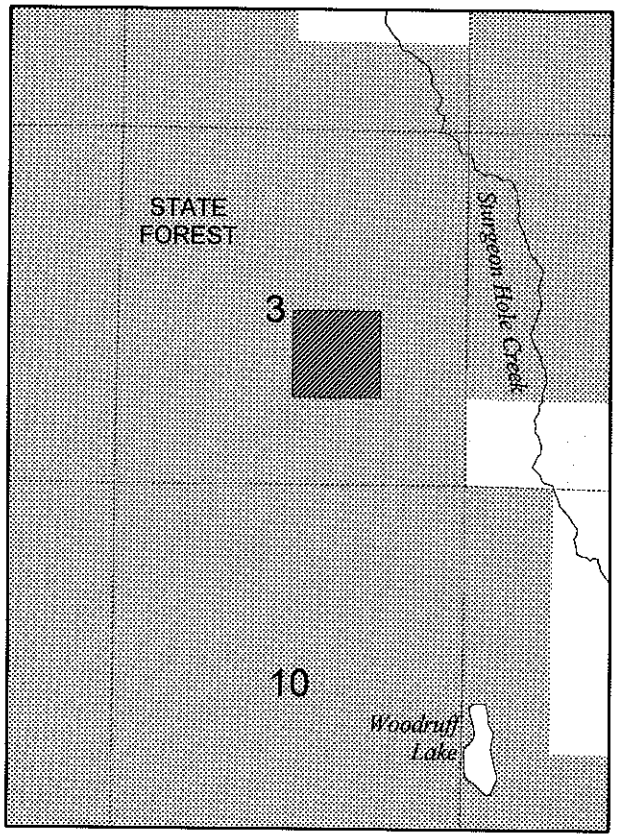

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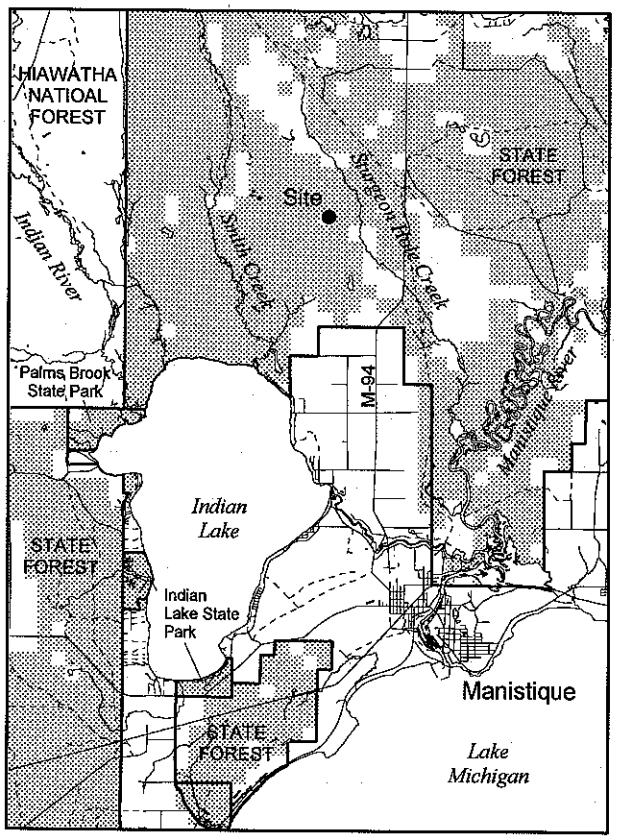


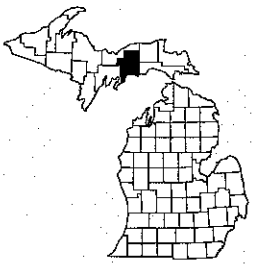
Regional Location

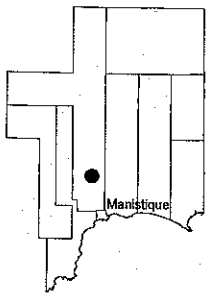
— State Forest boundary

Land offered to DNRE (40.00 acres - $33,000.00)

State land

Private land





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