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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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September 14, 2009

TO: Rebecca A. Humphries, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Trail Easement Acquisition and Trail Dedication
Shingleton Management Unit – Alger County
(1) The Gould, LLC Tract – Land Transaction Case #20090067
(2) The Michele Robinson Tract – Land Transaction Case #20090068
(3) The Munising Visitors Bureau Tract – Land Transaction Case #20090069

Purchase Price: (1) 466.15 feet in length (0.35-acre) - \$1,120.00
(2) 456.26 feet in length (0.35-acre) - \$1,100.00
(3) 30.00 feet in length (0.02-acre) - \$ 75.00

Description: Alger County, Munising Township, T46N, R17W, Section 29: See
“Attachment A” for complete legal descriptions.

Seller: (1) Gould, LLC, Shingleton, Michigan
(2) Michele Robinson, Shingleton, Michigan
(3) Munising Visitors Bureau, Munising, Michigan

Option Expires: (1) October 19, 2009
(2) October 18, 2009
(3) October 19, 2009

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources’ (Department)
September 28, 2009 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on October 5, 2009.

Comments: The offered road and recreational trail easements are pertinent to land located in
south-central Alger County within the city limits of Shingleton, Michigan.

The Alger County Road Commission is requiring that a portion of Snowmobile
Trail #8 (also known as the recently approved proposed trail “H-15”) be removed
from County Highway H-15, where it is presently located, proceeding north for
nearly three-quarters of a mile from its intersection with State Highway M-28 in
Shingleton. In addition, there are physical limitations which prohibit the
continued use of the trailway alongside the highway.

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For this reason, the most feasible solution to preserve continuity of the trail is to re-route the existing trail over private land and construct a bridge over the West Branch of Hickey Creek. This re-routing requires the acquisition of 33-foot-wide recreational trail easements from three private parties. Bridge construction over the West Branch of Hickey Creek will be located on existing State-owned land. An offer to purchase was presented and each of the three parties has signed options offering the required easement rights.

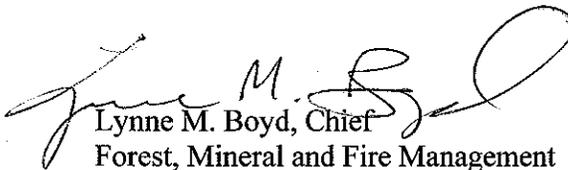
Acquisition of these rights in land will secure the necessary access route and enable the Department to move forward to design and install a permanent bridge across the West Branch of Hickey Creek.

Payment of the purchase price will come from a grant to Forest, Mineral, and Fire Management Division from Snowmobile Program funds.

- Recommendations:
- (1) That these easements be approved for purchase with payment to be made from a grant for Snowmobile Program Funds, as approved in Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended.
 - (2) That the easement rights be dedicated for use as part of Snowmobile Trail #8 following completion of the purchase.



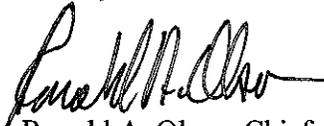
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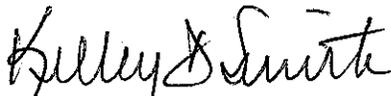
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Forest, Mineral and Fire Management



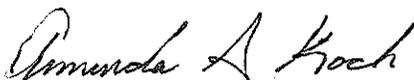
Russ Mason, Chief
Wildlife



Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Parks and Recreation



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

I approve the staff recommendations.

Rebecca A. Humphries
Director

Date Approved

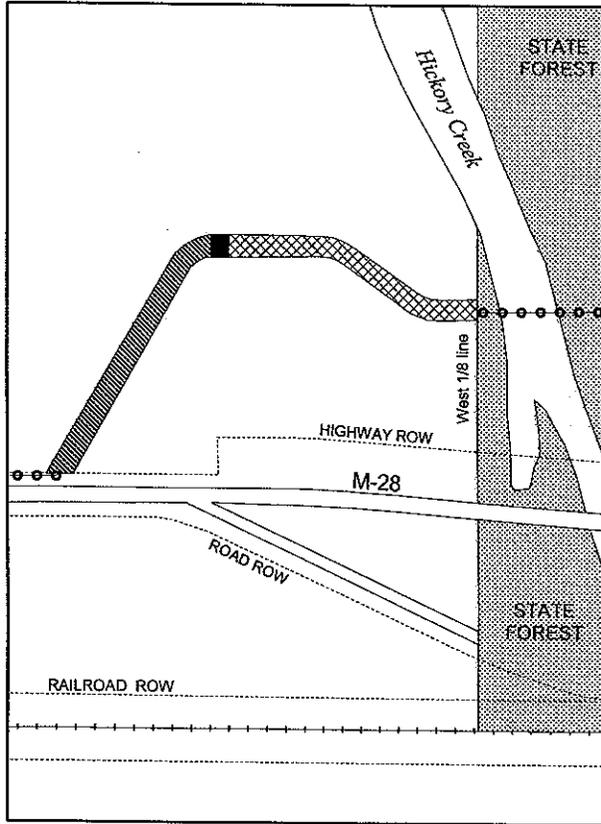
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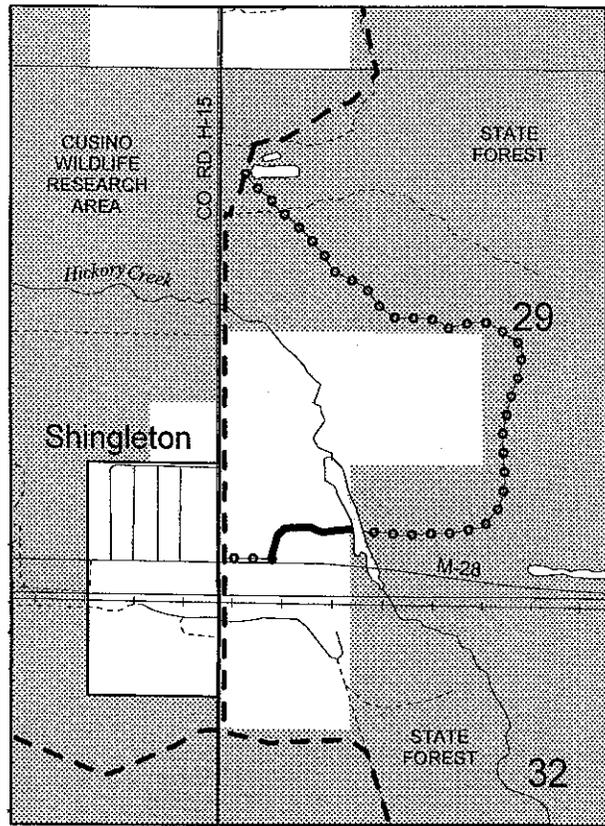
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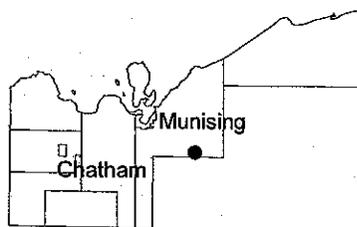
Section 29, T46N, R17W, Munising Township



Regional Location

- Proposed H-15 bypass route
- ▨ State land
- Private land
- Easements offered to DNR
 - ▨ Gould (\$1,120.00)
 - ▩ Robinson (\$1,100.00)
 - Munising Visitors Bureau (\$75.00)

- State Forest and wildlife area boundary
- - Existing snowmobile route
- Proposed H-15 bypass route
- Offered easements
- ▨ State land
- Private land



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