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May 16, 2011

TO: Rodney A. Stokes, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Exchange and Purchase
Baraga Management Unit – Baraga County
Gwinn Management Unit – Marquette County
Escanaba Management Unit – Delta and Menominee Counties
Crystal Falls Management Unit – Iron County
Land Transaction Case #20080203

Applicant: Wild River Properties LLC, Oneida, Wisconsin.

Private Lands	Iron County, Bates, Mansfield, and Mastodon Townships:	
Offered In Exchange:	T44N-R34W, Section 16, Government Lot 4	19.86 acres m/l
	T44N-R34W, Section 16, Government Lot 6	16.70 acres m/l
	T43N-R31W, Section 7, Government Lot 2; and the N ½ of the SE ¼	113.02 acres m/l
	T42N-R32W, Section 24, SW ¼ of the SE ¼	40.00 acres m/l
	T41N-R32W, Section 2, E ½ of the NE ¼	<u>80.00 acres m/l</u>
	Total	269.58 acres m/l

Appraised Value: \$253,700.00

State Lands Desired	Baraga County, Covington Township:	
In Exchange:	T48N-R34W, Section 4, NE ¼ of the NE ¼; and the SE ¼ of the NE ¼	78.86 acres m/l
	Delta County, Bark River Township, T39N-R24W, Section 8 A piece of land in SWNE lying S'ly of a line drawn 100 ft N'ly of and parallel with and adjacent to the N'ly bank of Ten Mile Creek (Par ID 197099); AND a parcel of land in the SE ¼ of NW ¼, 100' wide being parallel with and adjacent to the N'ly bank of Ten Mile Creek also a strip of land 100' wide being parallel with and adjacent to the S'ly bank of Ten Mile Creek	15.74 acres m/l

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Menominee County, Ingallston Township: T34N-R25W, Section 30, NE ¼ of the NW ¼; and the SW ¼ of the NW ¼	78.18 acres m/l
Marquette County, Wells and Humboldt Townships: T46N-R29W, Section 8, Government Lot 2 T42N-R25W, Section 8, SW ¼ of the NW ¼	40.92 acres m/l 40.00 acres m/l
Total	253.70 acres m/l

Appraised Value: \$253,700.00

Private Land to be Purchased:	Iron County, Mastodon Township: T42N-R32W, Section 35, N ½ of the NW ¼; and the SE ¼ of the NW ¼	120.00 acres m/l
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Purchase Price: \$116,400.00

Authority: Parts 5 and 21 of Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department's May 31, 2011 Calendar, and is eligible for approval on June 7, 2011.

Comments: This exchange and purchase benefits both the State and the applicant and assists consolidating the State's ownership pattern. Four of the five desired parcels of State-owned land were identified in Phase II of the Land Consolidation Strategy as surplus to the State's needs. They are located in Baraga, Delta, Marquette, and Menominee Counties. The fifth parcel is located within a State Forest boundary in Marquette County, but is isolated from other State owned lands. In general, these noncontiguous tracts have limited or no access, are landlocked, dominated by wetland type soils, largely forested, and have a variety of lowland creek and small lake frontages.

The offered lands are comprised of six parcels in Iron County. All of these parcels block in well with existing State-owned lands, are located within project boundaries, have access by local two-tracks, are wooded, and offer frontage on, or are close to significant water bodies. This exchange and purchase will consolidate the ownership pattern of State-owned land in this area.

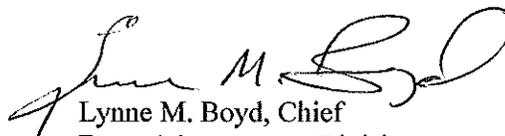
The desired State lands were acquired by tax reversion in 1929, 1932, and 1939; and by exchange in 1949. As a result of this exchange, the private lands that are offered in exchange will assume tax reversion status; the parcel that is to be purchased will assume Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund status.

The Mineral and Land Management Section staff of the Department's Forest Management Division has determined that it is appropriate for the State to convey mineral rights to the extent that it receives mineral rights.

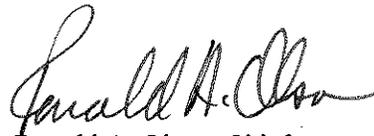
The proposed land exchange was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on April 22, 2010.

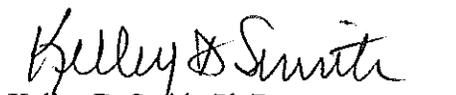
- Recommendations:
- (1) That the exchange be approved, with the State conveying mineral rights to the extent that it receives mineral rights in exchange.
 - (2) That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Wisconsin Electric Energies Land Acquisition project, Act 278, Public Acts of 2008.

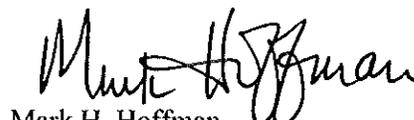

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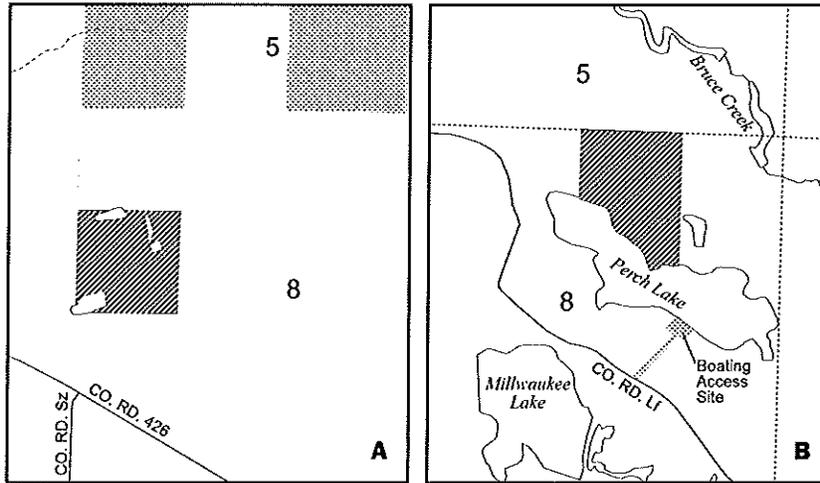
I approve the staff recommendations.

Rodney A. Stokes
Director

Date Approved

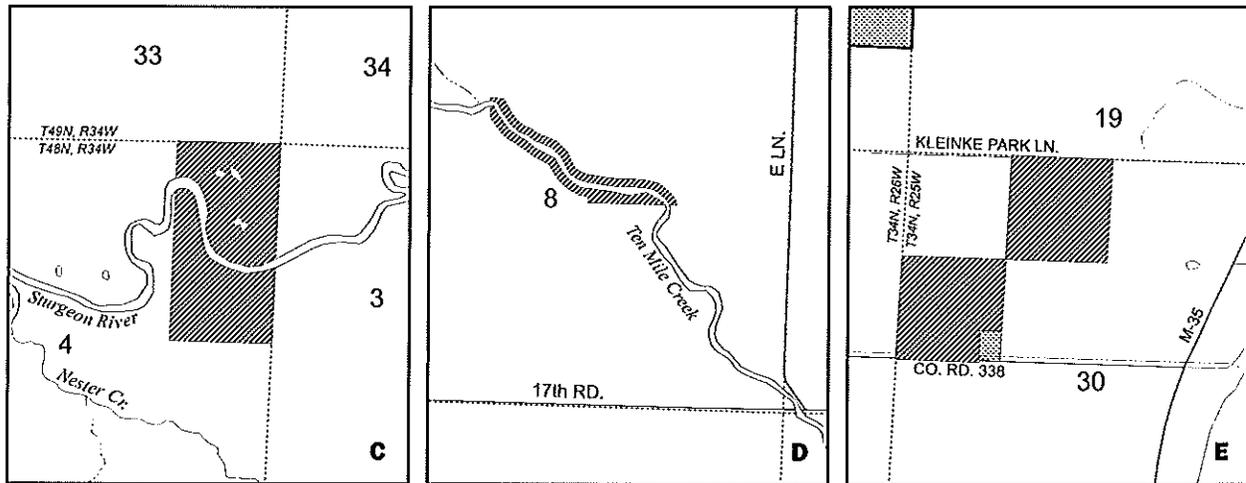
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 (Map 1 of 2: Desired Land)



Section 8, T42N, R25W
 Marquette County

Section 8, T46N, R29W
 Marquette County



Section 4, T48N, R34W
 Baraga County

Section 8, T39N, R24W
 Delta County

Section 30, T34N, R25W
 Menominee County

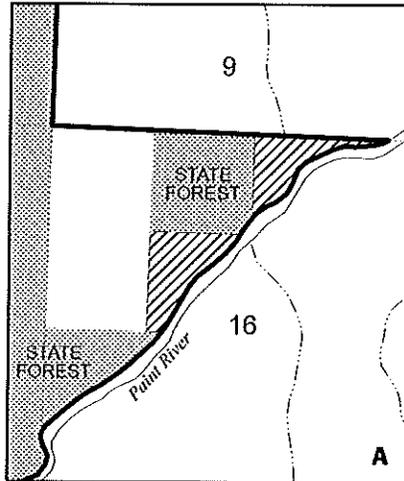
- State Forest boundary
- ▨ State land desired from DNR in exchange (253.70 acres)
- ▤ State land
- Private land



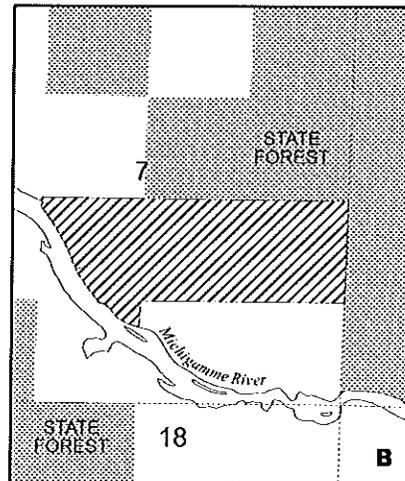
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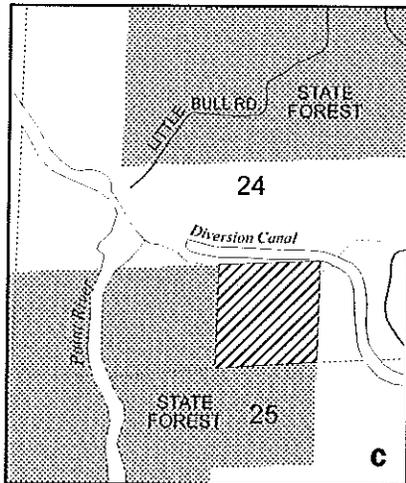
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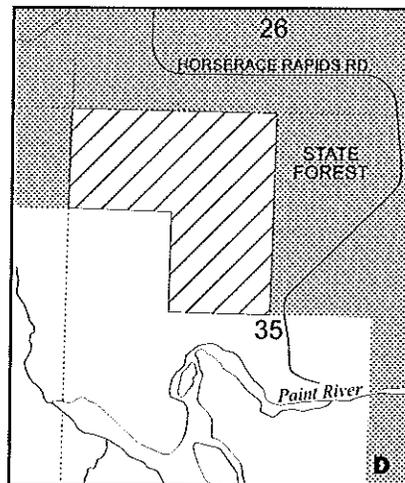
Section 16, T44N, R34W
Iron County



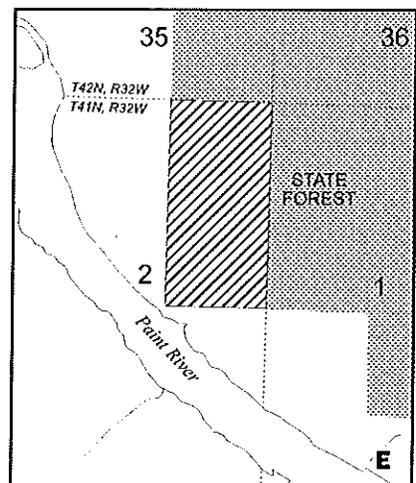
Section 7, T43N, R31W
Iron County



Section 24, T42N, R32W
Iron County



Section 35, T42N, R32W
Iron County



Section 2, T41N, R32W
Iron County

- State Forest boundary
- Private land offered to DNR in exchange (389.58 acres)
- Private land to be purchased by DNR (120.00 acres - \$116,400.00)
- State land
- Private land

