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DIRECTOR

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TO: Daniel Eichinger, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Release of Deed Restriction on DNR-Conveyed Land  
Western Upper Peninsula District – Keweenaw County  
Land Transaction Case #20210051

Sale: 285 acres - Release of Deed Restriction

Sale Price: \$200,000.00

Description: Keweenaw County, Grant Township  
T59N, R28W, Section 31: SW 1/4, except the S 1/2 of the S 1/2 of the S 1/2  
  
Keweenaw County, Eagle Harbor Township  
T59N, R29W, Section 36: SE 1/4

PA 240 of 2018: These parcels are north of the Mason-Arenac county line. This transaction will not change the number of acres of counted DNR-managed lands because the surface rights are owned by the applicant.

Applicant: Keweenaw County, Eagle River, Michigan

Authority: Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (department) February 1, 2022, calendar and is eligible for approval on February 8, 2022. Public notice of this transaction was also published in the Houghton Daily Mining Gazette and the L'Anse Sentinel on January 5, 2022, and is posted on the department's webpage at [www.michigan.gov/publiclandnotices](http://www.michigan.gov/publiclandnotices).

Acquired: The property was acquired by tax reversion in 1912. The property was deeded to Keweenaw County in 1946 with a deed restriction that the property shall be solely used for public purposes or it shall revert to the State.

Minerals: To be retained.

Comments: Keweenaw County desires to divest itself from this property due to liability issues and sell the property to Keweenaw Mountain Lodge. As part of the sale to the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge, a Conservation Easement will be conveyed to the Keweenaw Community Forest Company. The

Conservation Easement will protect 245 acres from development and reserve it in perpetuity for public access and recreational purposes.

In addition, a Trails Easement will be conveyed to the Copper Harbor Trails Society, Inc. to maintain and provide public access to the existing recreational trails. Any change to the Conservation Easement will require the approval of the DNR.

Keweenaw Mountain Lodge will be able to develop the acreage not subject to the Conservation Easement.

The proposed land disposal was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on December 16, 2021.

- Recommendations:
1. That the deed restriction on the land conveyed in 1946 be removed.
  2. That the state retain mineral rights and aboriginal antiquities.
  3. That the proceeds be deposited into the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF).



James L. Dexter, Chief  
Fisheries Division



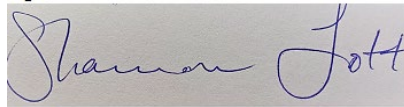
Jeff Stampfly, Chief  
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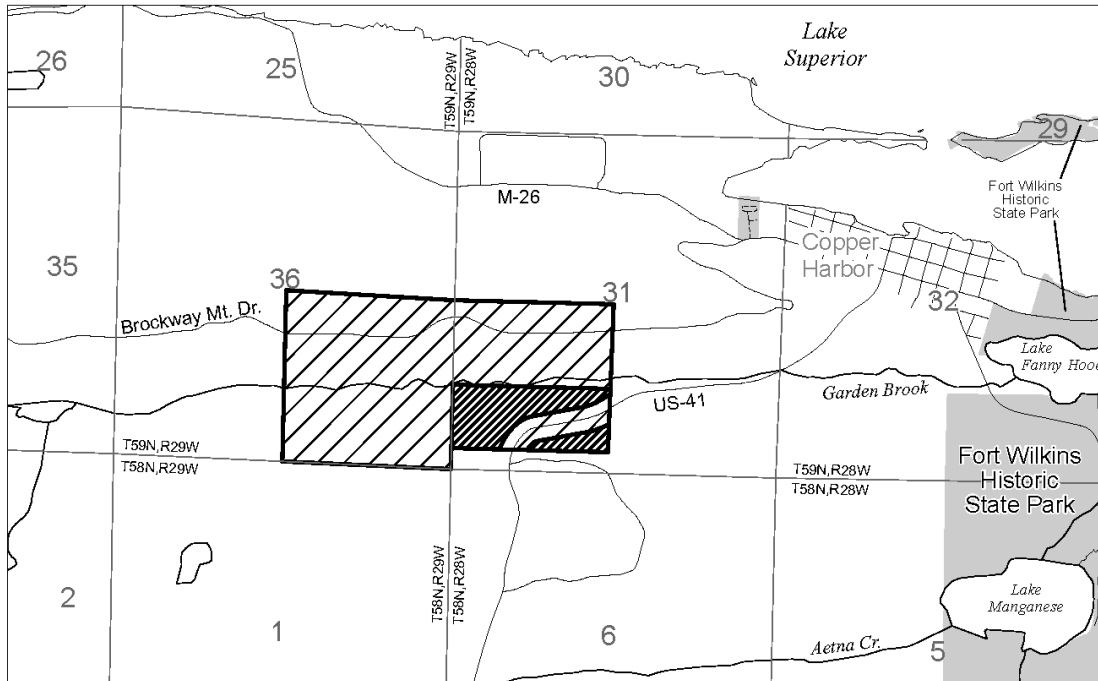
I approve the staff recommendations.

Daniel Eichinger  
Director

Date Approved:

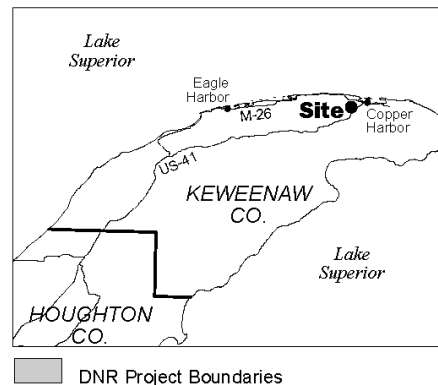
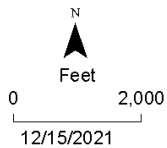
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Section 31, T59N, R28W, Grant Township  
Section 36, T59N, R29W, Eagle Harbor Township

- Release area subject to conservation easement (245 acres)
- Release area allowed for development (40 acres)
- State land



DNR Project Boundaries