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DIRECTOR

March 14, 2022

TO: Daniel Eichinger, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Forest Resources Land Exchange
Baraga Management Unit – Baraga County
Crystal Falls Management Unit – Iron and Dickinson County
Gwinn Management Unit – Marquette County
The Ford River Land Company Exchange
Land Transaction Case #20190202

Applicant: Ford River Land Company, Sagola, Michigan

PA 240 of 2018: PILT Estimate: \$2,300.00
The parcels involved in this exchange are north of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in no net change of DNR-managed lands.

Private Land Offered in Exchange:

Acreage: 520 acres

Location: Baraga County, Arvon Township, T52N, R31W
Section 02: Parcel A - The E 1/2 of the E 1/2 (160 acres)

Baraga County, Covington Township, T48N, R32W
Section 17: Parcel B - The SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 (40 acres); and
Parcel C - The N 1/2 of the SE 1/4; and the SW 1/4 of the
SE 1/4 (120 acres)

Iron County, Crystal Falls Township, T44N, R33W
Section 32: Parcel D - The SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 (40 acres)

Dickinson County, Felch Township, T44N, R28W
Section 06: Parcel E - The SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 (40 acres)

Dickinson County, Sagola Township, T43N, R30W
Section 24: Parcel F - The E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 (80 acres)

Marquette County, Wells Township, T43N, R25W
Section 05: Parcel G - The SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 (40 acres)

Value: \$341,000.00
Cash at Closing: \$218,200.00
Total Compensation: \$559,200.00

State Land Desired in Exchange:

Acreage: 520 acres

Location: Baraga County, Arvon Township, T52N, R31W
Section 03: Parcel A - The SW 1/4 (160 acres)

Marquette County, Republic Township, T45N, R30W
Section 32: Parcel B - The S 1/2 of the SW 1/4; and the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 (120 acres)

Iron County, Mansfield Township, T44N, R31W
Section 22: Parcel C1 - The S 1/2 of the SE 1/4 (80 acres); and
Section 23: Parcel C2 - The SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 (40 acres)

Iron County, Mastodon Township, T42N, R31W
Section 08: Parcel D1 - The SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 (40 acres); and
Section 09: Parcel D2 - The SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4; and the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 (80 acres)

Value: \$538,000.00

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (department) April 5, 2022, calendar and is eligible for approval on April 12, 2022. Public notice of this proposed exchange was also published in the L'Anse Sentinel, the Iron County Reporter, the Iron Mountain Daily News, and the Marquette Mining Journal on March 9, 2022, and is posted on the department's webpage at www.michigan.gov/publiclandnotices.

Comments: The desired lands are isolated from other state ownership, have minimal public benefit, and many do not have legal access. The offered lands provide land consolidation and enhanced access to state forest land. Overall, this large-scale exchange provides management efficiencies and increased public benefit.

The state will convey mineral rights on the desired land to the extent they are owned. Mineral rights on the offered property will be conveyed to the extent they are owned.

The desired lands were acquired by tax reversion in 1939 and 1942, and by exchange in 1944, 1946, and 1959 and hold tax reversion status.

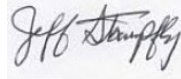
The proposed land exchange was recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on September 28, 2021.

Recommendations:

1. That the exchange be approved, with the state reserving aboriginal antiquities on the desired state-owned land.
2. That the offered land in Baraga County be dedicated as part of the Baraga Management Unit, the land in Iron County and Dickinson County be dedicated as part of the Crystal Falls Management Unit, and the land in Marquette County be dedicated as part of the Gwinn Management Unit.



James L. Dexter, Chief
Fisheries Division



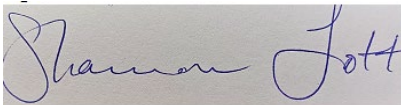
Jeff Stampfly, Chief
Forest Resources Division



Ronald A. Olson, Chief
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Jared Duquette, Chief
Wildlife Division



Shannon Lott
Natural Resources Deputy



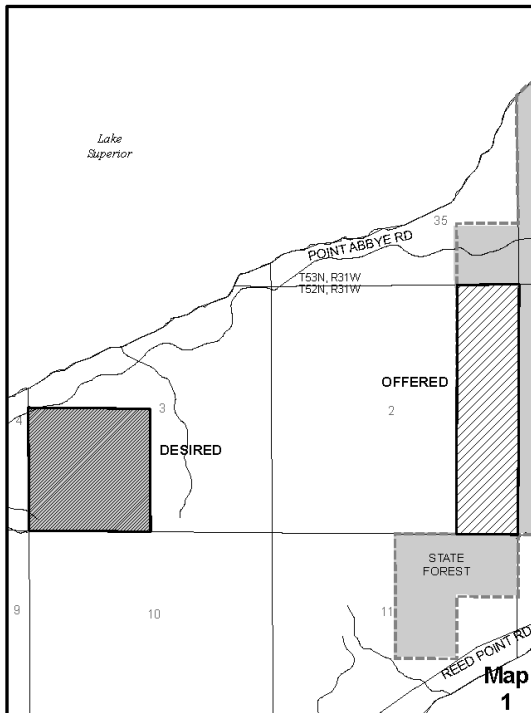
Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

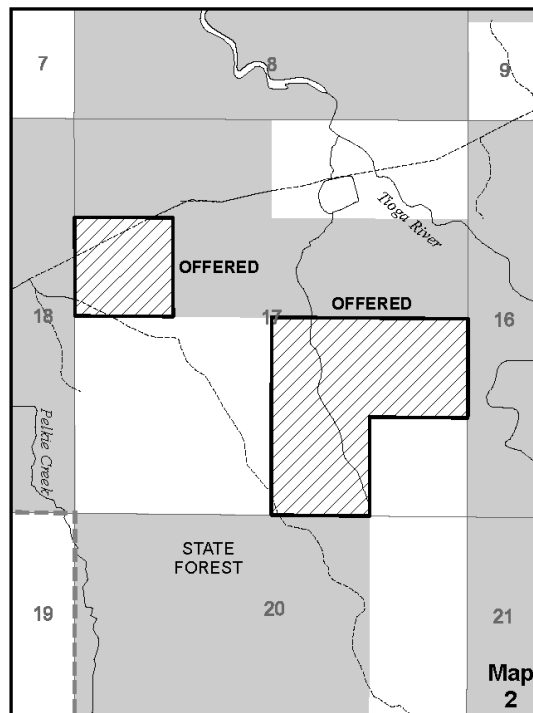
Daniel Eichinger
Director

Date Approved:





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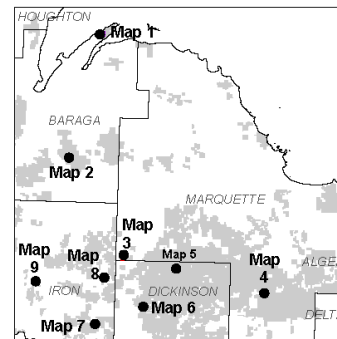


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 Baraga County



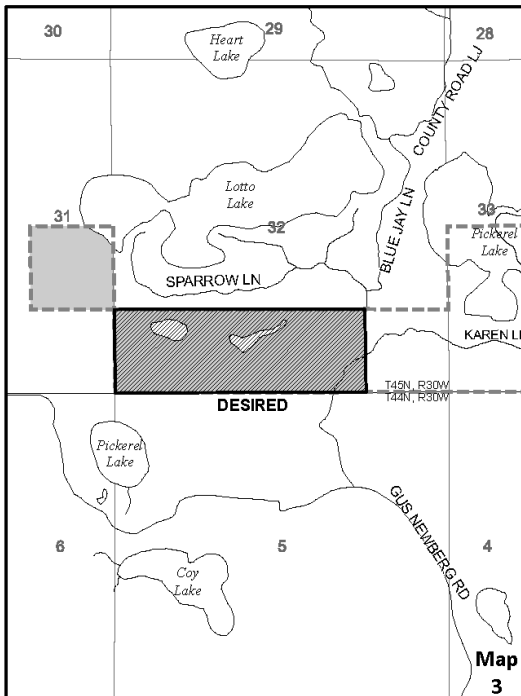
Section 17, T48N-R32W, Covington Township
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 (520 acres, total all maps)
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-  DNR Project Boundary

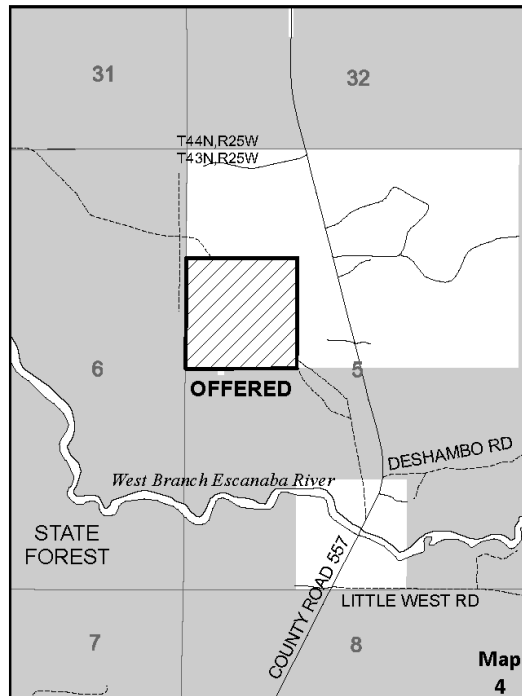


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 Marquette County

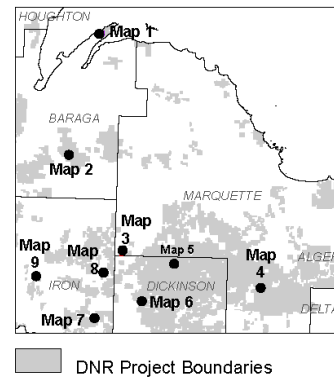


Section 5, T43N-R25W, Wells Township
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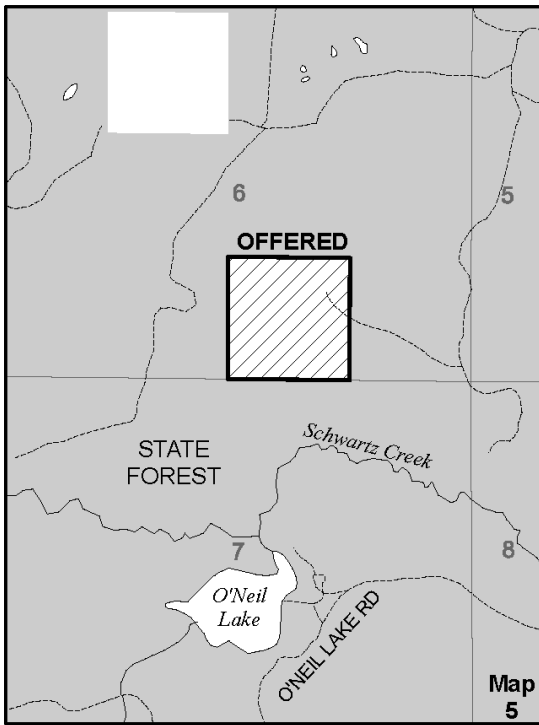
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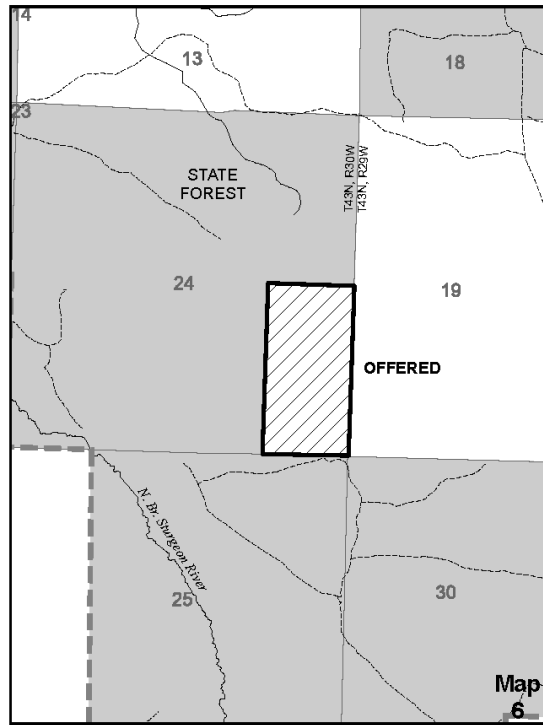


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Section 6, T44N-R28W, Felch Township
 Dickinson County

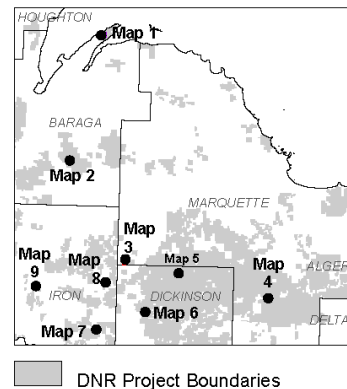


Section 24, T43N-R30W, Sagola Township,
 Dickinson County

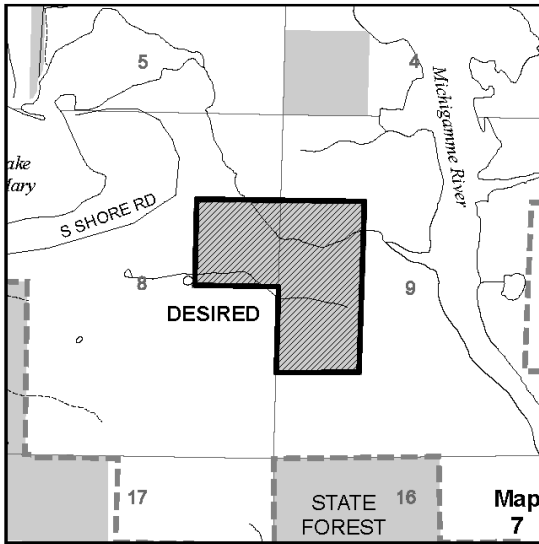
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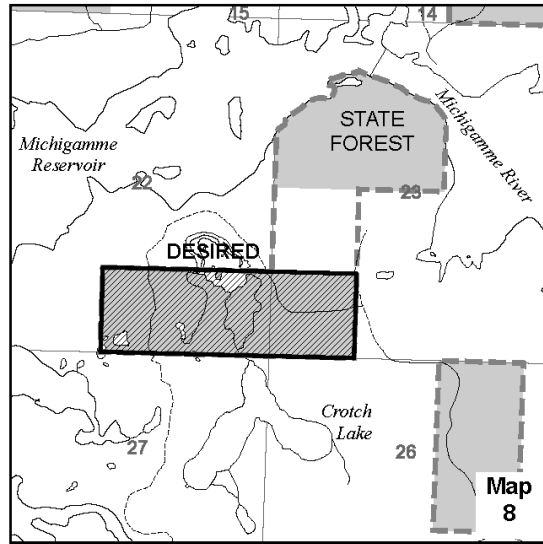
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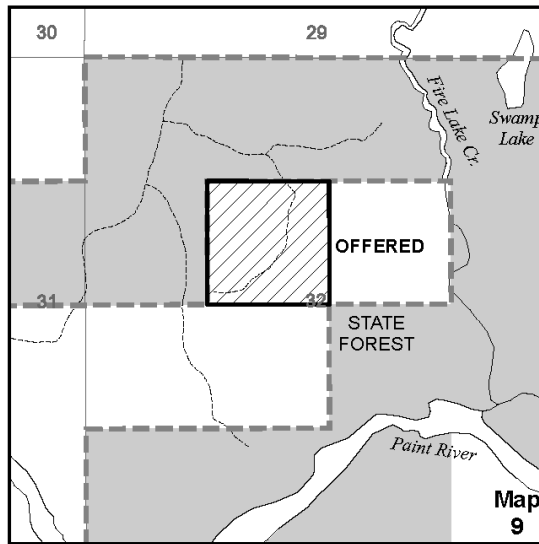
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 Iron County

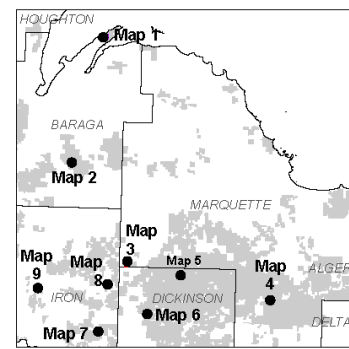


Sections 22-23, T44N-R31W, Mansfield Township
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