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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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SHANNON LOTT  
ACTING DIRECTOR

June 12, 2023

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

**Information:** Natural Resources Commission

**Transaction:** Forest Resources Land Acquisition  
Pigeon River Country State Forest – Otsego County  
The Camp Pishtoning Tract  
Land Transaction Case #20220205

**Purchase:** 404.2 acres - \$925,000

**Funding Source:** Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) – TF 21-0206

**Description:** Otsego County, Corwith Township, T32N, R02W:  
Section 36 EXCEPT the East 3580 feet of the South 1980 feet and  
EXCEPT the North 1600 feet of the South 3580 feet of the East 1980  
feet.

**PA 240 of 2018:** PILT Estimate: \$9,200  
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in  
an increase of 404.2 acres of DNR-managed lands.

**Seller:** Camp Pishtoning Limited Partnership, Hamilton, OH

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

**Notice:** This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources  
(Department) July 3, 2023, calendar and is eligible for approval on  
July 10, 2023.

**Management Purpose:** Acquisition of this parcel will allow it to be managed as part of the  
Pigeon River Country State Forest.

**Comments:** The offered land is a large tract of land with approximately 4,800 feet of  
lineal Pigeon River frontage. The property includes approximately 70  
acres of preserved wetlands, 80 acres of conifer swamp and  
approximately 50% of the subject is forested upland. The property is  
subject to a conservation easement which limits land division,  
commercial activity, construction, and surface alteration caused by  
mineral development. Acquisition will provide increased wildlife habitat,  
timber resources, and public recreation.

The seller will retain the mineral rights on the offered land.

- Recommendation:
1. That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF).
  2. That this land be dedicated as part of the Pigeon River Country State Forest.



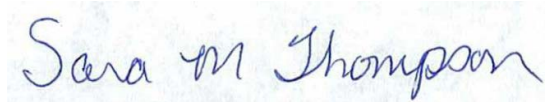
Randy Claramunt, Chief  
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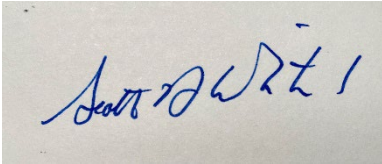
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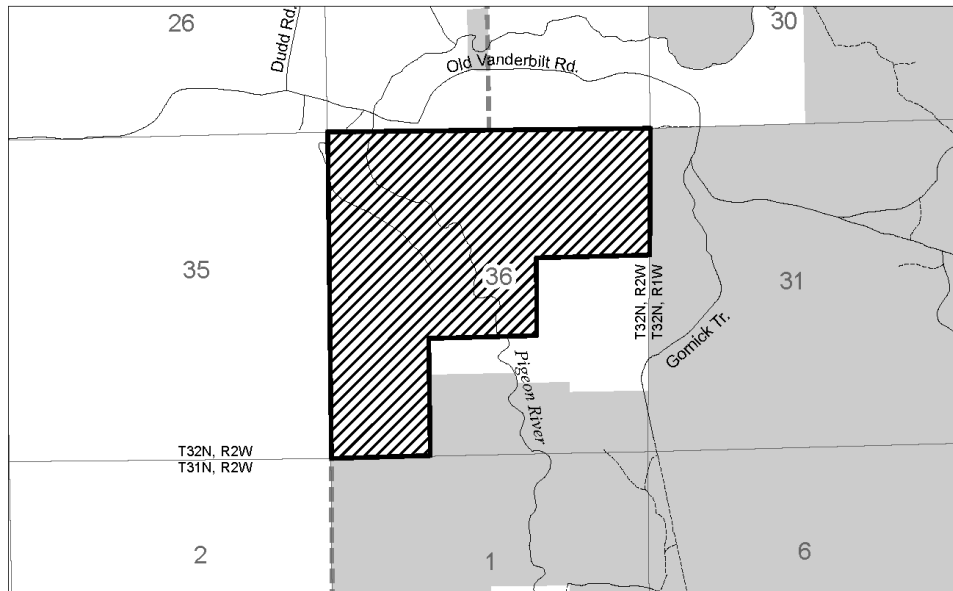
Kristin Phillips  
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

Shannon Lott  
Acting Director

Date Approved:

### FOREST RESOURCES LAND ACQUISITION Pigeon River Country Management Unit – Otsego County Land Transaction Case #20220205



Section 36, T32N, R02W, Corwith Township

- Land to be acquired by DNR (404.2 acres)
- State land
- DNR Project Boundary

