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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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SHANNON LOTT
ACTING DIRECTOR

February 14, 2023

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Forest Resources Land Acquisition
Baraga Management Unit – Keweenaw County
The Anderson Sawmill Tract
Land Transaction Case #20210251

Purchase: 160 acres

Purchase Price: \$185,000.00

Funding Source: Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF)

Description: Keweenaw County, Grant Township, T58N, R27W
Section 08: The NE 1/4

PA 240 of 2018: PILT Estimate: \$920
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in an increase of 160 acres DNR-managed lands.

Seller: Keweenaw Community Forest Company, Mohawk, MI

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 28, 2023, calendar and is eligible for approval on March 7, 2023. Public notice of this proposed transaction will also be published in the Houghton Daily Mining Gazette on February 23, 2023, and is posted on the department’s webpage at www.michigan.gov/publiclandnotices.

Management Purpose: Acquisition of this parcel will allow it to be managed as part of the Baraga Management Unit.

Comments: The offered land is nearly surrounded by state-owned land and a critical inholding for consolidating ownership and protecting habitat on the Keweenaw Peninsula. Keweenaw Community Forest Company is purchasing the land from Anderson Sawmill Manufacturing, Inc. and the state will be purchasing the land from Keweenaw Community Forest Company. Acquisition will allow for increased timber management, wildlife habitat, and public recreation.

The seller will convey mineral rights on the offered property, subject to a cloud on 3/16th of the mineral interest.

Recommendation:

1. That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF).
2. That this land be dedicated as part of the Baraga Management Unit.



James L. Dexter, Chief
Fisheries Division



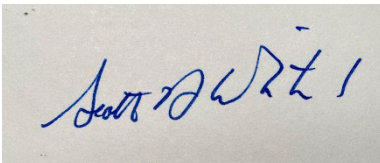
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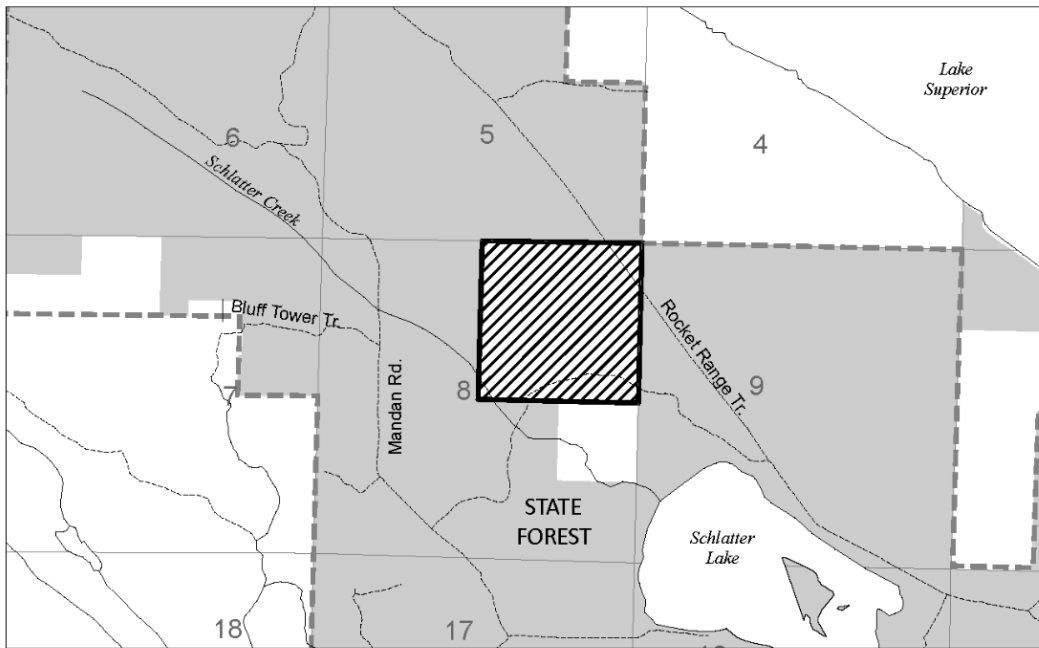
I approve the staff recommendations.

Shannon Lott
Acting Director




Date Approved:

FOREST RESOURCES LAND ACQUISITION

Baraga Management Unit – Keweenaw County
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Section 8, T58N, R27W, Grant Township

-  Land to be acquired by DNR (160 acres)
-  State land
-  DNR Project Boundary

