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STATE OF MICHIGAN
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M. SCOTT BOWEN
DIRECTOR

March 18, 2024

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Forest Resources Division Land Acquisition
Pigeon River Country Management Unit – Otsego County
Land Transaction Case #20230242

Purchase: 440.00 acres

Purchase Price: \$1,786,000.00

Description: Otsego County, Corwith Township, T32N, R2W, Section 28:
The NW 1/4; the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4; the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4; the SE 1/4; along with an easement known as Cabin Valley Lane.

Funding Source: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund-Sturgeon River Valley Corridor

PA 240 of 2018: PILT Estimate: \$15,000.00
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in an increase of 440.00 acres of DNR-managed land.

Seller: Estate of Robert J. Noa, Brooksville FL

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources April 2, 2024, calendar and is eligible for approval on April 9, 2024. Public notice of this proposed transaction will also be published in the Gaylord Herald Times on March 8, 2024, 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 Pigeon River Country Management Unit.

Comments: The property includes 440 acres of very high natural resource value lands with approximately 4,140 feet of Sturgeon River corridor, a small pond, approximately 76 acres of forested wetlands, elk habitat in the core elk range, an excellent wildlife travel corridor for black bear and bobcat, and habitat for game and non-game species. The cover types on the property include lowland conifers in areas near the river and upland cover types on the remainder of the property including aspen, northern hardwoods, white pine, and red pine. The property is adjacent to state forest land on two sides and is located in the Pigeon River Country State Forest. It will also consolidate the state ownership in this

area. The property is accessible via Old Vanderbilt Road (aka Cabin Valley Lane), along the southern boundary of the parcel.

- Recommendation:
1. That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Sturgeon River Valley Corridor TF22-0217 and the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF).
 2. That this land be dedicated as part of the Pigeon River Country Management Unit.



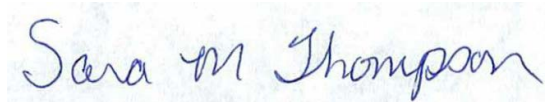
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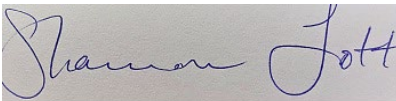
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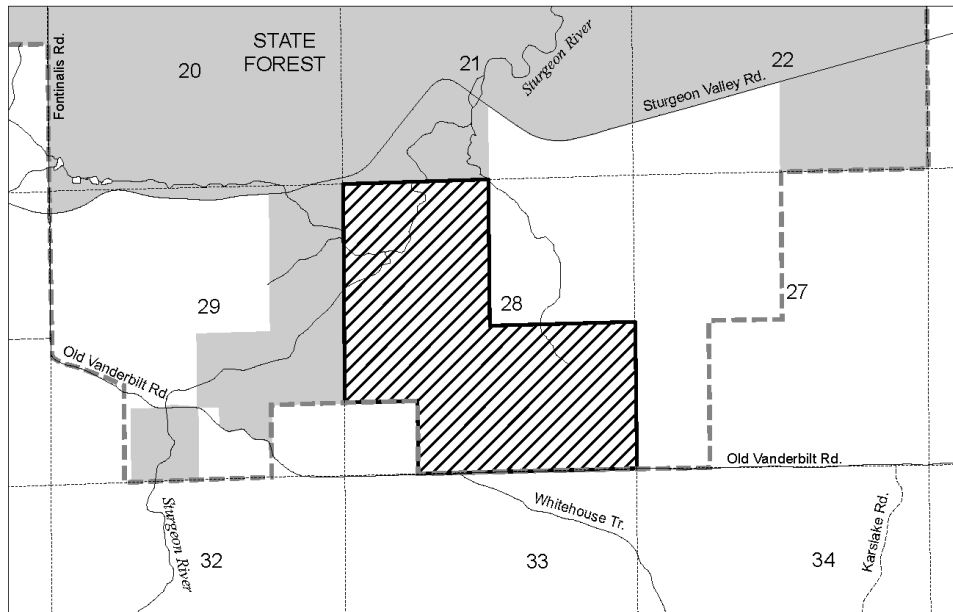
Kristin Phillips
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

M. Scott Bowen
Director

Date Approved:

Forest Resources Division Land Acquisition STURGEON RIVER CORRIDOR Pigeon River Country Management Unit Otsego County



Section 28, T32N, R02W, Corwith Township

- Land offered to DNR (440 acres)
- State land
- DNR Project Boundary

