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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
LANSING



M. SCOTT BOWEN  
DIRECTOR

April 15, 2024

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

**Information:** Natural Resources Commission

**Transaction:** Wildlife Division Land Acquisition  
Southeastern Lower Peninsula Region – Lenawee County  
Land Transaction Case #20230226

**Purchase:** 197.00 acres

**Purchase Price:** \$1,123,000.00

**Description:** Lenawee County, Dover Township, T07S, R02E, Section 33:  
The Northwest 1/4, excepting all that part of the North 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 33, Town 7 South, Range 2 East, further described by Michael J. Bartolo, Professional Surveyor as beginning at the North 1/4 corner of Section 33; thence South 89 degrees 03'58" West, 425.00 feet along the North line of Section 33 (centerline of Haley Road); thence South 01 degrees 16'42" East, 307.49 feet; thence North 89 degrees 03'58" East, 425.00 feet to the North South 1/4 line of Section 33; thence North 01 degrees 16'42" West, 307.49 feet along said line to the point of beginning.  
AND  
The West 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4.  
AND  
The North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4.

**Funding Sources:** Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund – TF20-0135 Nutrient Reduction - Wetland Restoration Pilot.

**PA 240 of 2018:** PILT Estimate: \$7,300.00  
This parcel is south of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in an increase of 197.00 acres of DNR-managed land.

**Seller(s):** Wetlands America Trust, Inc., Memphis, Tennessee

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

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Management Purpose: Acquisition of this parcel will allow for the creation of Seneca State Game Area.

Comments: The DNR and Ducks Unlimited are partnering on a break-through wetland restoration demonstration project in the western Lake Erie basin. This tract is 197 acres containing a mixture of active farmland, county drains, and forest. The first of two land transfers from Ducks Unlimited to the DNR, this property represents several years of dedicated collaboration between the DNR, MDARD, EGLE, and Ducks Unlimited to purchase restorable farmland to reduce nutrient and sediment loading into Lake Erie. This project is funded through the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Great Lakes Restoration Initiative with US EPA, and the American Rescue Plan Act with DNR. The final project will be a brand new, nearly 400-acre State Game Area containing a newly restored wetland complex. The wetland is currently in the survey and design phase and construction is expected to occur in 2025.

Mineral rights will be conveyed.

Recommendation:

1. That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF), TF20-0135 Nutrient Reduction - Wetland Restoration Pilot.
2. That this land be dedicated as part of the Southeastern Lower Peninsula Region.

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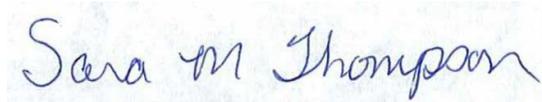
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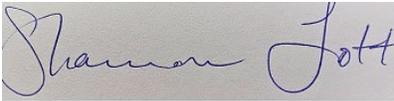
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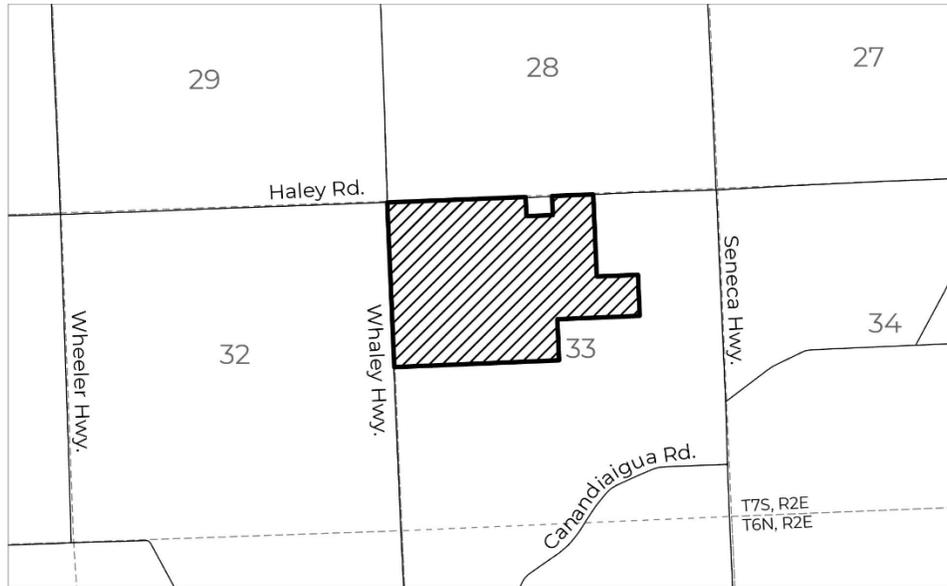
I approve the staff recommendations.



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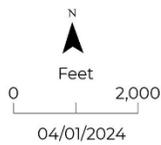
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**WILDLIFE LAND ACQUISITION**  
Southeastern Lower Peninsula Region – Lenawee County  
Land Transaction Case #20230226



Section 33, T07S-R02E, Dover Township

 Land to be acquired by DNR (197 acres)





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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

**Information:** Natural Resources Commission

**Transaction:** Sale of Surplus DNR-Managed Land  
Crystal Falls Management Unit – Dickinson County  
Land Transaction Case # 20220204

**Sale:** 0.26 acre m/l

**Sale Price:** \$1,900.00

**Description:** Dickinson County, Sagola Township, T43N, R30W, Section 36:  
Part of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of section 36, T43N, R30W, Dickinson  
County, Michigan; being more particularly described as follows:  
Commencing at the S 1/4 corner of said section 36; thence east 474.46'  
to the point of beginning of herein described parcel; thence north 33.00';  
thence east 350.31'; thence south 33.00'; thence west 350.31' to the  
point of beginning.

**PA 240 of 2018:** This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in a  
decrease of 0.26 acre of DNR-managed lands.

**Applicant:** Jim & Robin Hamm, Iron Mountain, 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) April 30, 2024, calendar and is eligible for approval on  
May 7, 2024.

**Acquired:** Acquired through an exchange in 1946 and holds tax reversion status.

**Minerals:** Mineral rights will be conveyed.

**Comments:** The direct sale of this State of Michigan owned land to the applicants  
will resolve their structure encroachment. The applicant's encroachment  
includes a garage, camp, deck, drain field and fire pit. These items have  
been incorporated in the surveyed land we are selling the applicants  
and will resolve their trespass.

The proposed sale was recommended for approval by the Land  
Exchange Review Committee on December 15, 2022.

- Recommendations:
1. That the land be sold to the applicants for \$1,900.00.
  2. That the proceeds of the sale(s) be deposited in the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF).
  3. That the state retains aboriginal antiquities.



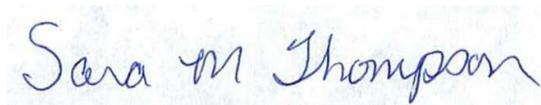
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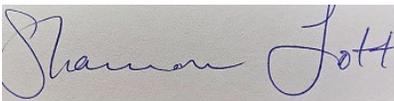
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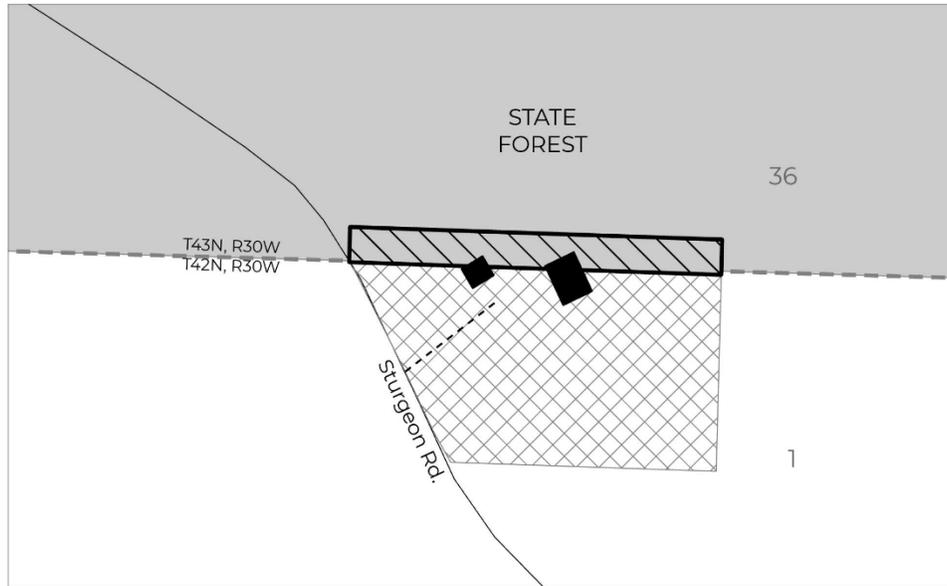
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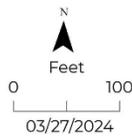
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### SALE OF SURPLUS DNR-MANAGED LAND Crystal Falls Management Unit – Dickinson County Land Transaction Case #20220204



Section 36, T43N-R30W, Sagola Township

-  Surplus DNR land to be sold (0.26 acre)
-  Applicant land (Hamm)
-  Applicant buildings
-  State land
-  DNR Project Boundary





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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

**Information:** Natural Resources Commission

**Transaction:** Conveyance of Wetland Mitigation Banking Agreement Over DNR-Managed Land  
Sleepy Hollow State Park – Clinton County  
Land Transaction Case #20230008

**Sale:** 30.44 acres (nominal consideration)

**Description:** Clinton County, Victor Township, T06N, R01W  
Section 2: as more accurately described by the Nathan Gregory Shepherd survey dated 5/11/2023 in the case file.

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

**Acquired:** Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and Special Legislation in 1967 and 1968.

**Comments:** The placement of the restrictive covenant will allow the DNR and the Michigan Municipal Wetland Alliance, Inc. (“MMWA”) to construct and maintain a wetland mitigation bank. The restrictive covenant is required so that wetland mitigation credits can be released in accordance with the Statewide Umbrella Mitigation Bank Instrument entered into by the DNR, MMWA and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) dated October 23, 2017. The Restrictive Covenant may only be amended with the written approval of the NRCS and the DNR.

The purpose of the restrictive covenant is to restore, protect, manage, maintain, and enhance the functional values of wetlands and other lands, and for the conservation of natural values including fish and wildlife and their habitat, water quality improvement, flood water retention, groundwater recharge, open space, aesthetic values, and environmental education.

**Recommendation:**

1. The restrictive covenant be executed to comply with requirements of Statewide Umbrella Mitigation Bank Instrument.
2. Public access for recreational pursuits will be retained on the property encumbered with the restrictive covenant.
3. The wetland mitigation bank will be managed by Wildlife Division. DNR and MMWA and each of their authorized representatives have the right to undertake activities to manage the mitigation bank.



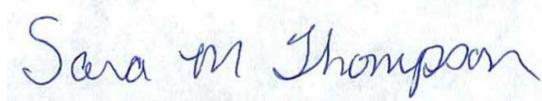
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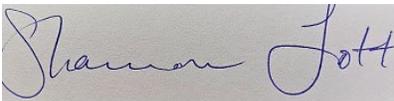
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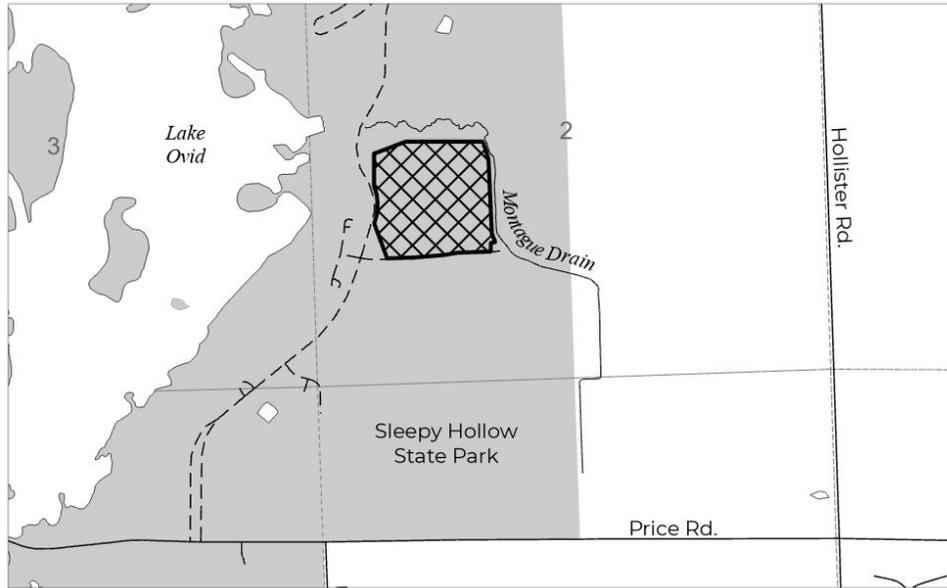
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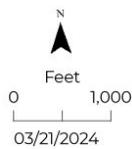
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**WETLAND MITIGATION EASEMENT**  
Southeastern Lower Peninsula District – Clinton County  
Land Transaction Case #20230008



Section 2, T06N-R01W, Victor Township

-  Wetland mitigation easement (30.44 acres)
-  State land





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**Information:** Natural Resources Commission

**Transaction:** Sale of Surplus DNR-Managed Land  
Rose Lake District – Barry County  
Land Transaction Case # 20230049

**Sale:** 0.50 acre

**Sale Price:** \$3,080.00

**Description:** Barry County, Woodland Township, T04N, R07W, Section 05:  
Beginning At a Point On The North Section Line Of Section Five; Town  
Four North, Range Seven West, Thirty-Three Feet West Of The  
Northeast Corner Of Said Section Five, Thence West Two Hundred  
Feet, Thence Southeasterly To a Point Thirty-Three Feet West And Two  
Hundred Feet South Of The Northeast Corner Of Said Section Five,  
Thence North Two Hundred Feet To The Point Of Beginning.

**PA 240 of 2018:** This parcel is south of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in a  
decrease of 0.50 acre of DNR-managed lands.

**Applicant:** Kenneth W & Connie L Shanks, Lake Odessa, 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) April 30, 2024, calendar and is eligible for approval on  
May 7, 2024.

**Acquired:** Purchased in 1941 with Game & Fish Fund.

**Minerals:** Mineral rights will be conveyed.

**Comments:** The direct sale of this State of Michigan owned land to the applicants  
will resolve a yard maintenance trespass. The only private land adjacent  
to the State of Michigan parcel is owned by the applicants. The  
acquisition of this parcel will make the applicants ownership one  
contiguous piece.

The proposed sale was recommended for approval by the Land  
Exchange Review Committee on February 15, 2024.

- Recommendations:
1. That the land be sold to the applicants for \$3,080.00. If the direct sale cannot occur, the land should be sold via public auction at appraised fair market value.
  2. That the proceeds of the sale(s) be deposited in the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF) Game & Fish Sub Fund.
  3. That the state retains aboriginal antiquities.

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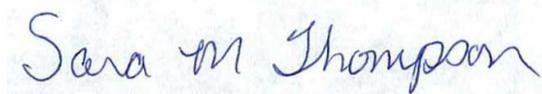
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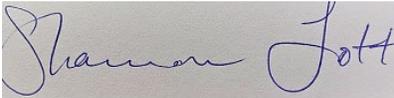
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I approve the staff recommendations.

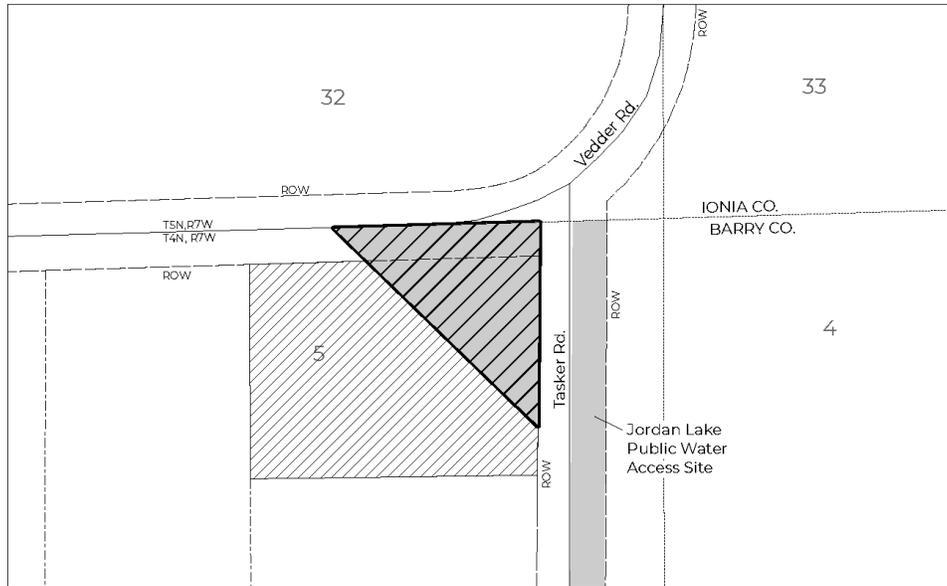


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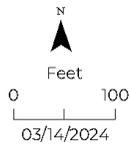
### SALE OF SURPLUS DNR-MANAGED LAND

Rose Lake District – Barry County  
Land Transaction Case #20230049



Section 5, T04N-R07W, Woodland Township

-  Surplus DNR land to be sold (0.50 Acre)
-  Applicant (Shanks)
-  State land





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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

**Information:** Natural Resources Commission

**Transaction:** Forest Resources Division Land Acquisition  
Traverse City Forest Management Unit – Grand Traverse County  
Land Transaction Case #20230174

**Purchase:** 160.00 acres

**Purchase Price:** \$700,000.00

**Description:** Grand Traverse County, Blair Township, T26N, R11W, Section 25:  
The Northeast 1/4.

**Funding Sources:** Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund – TF22-0178 Jaxon Creek  
Headwaters and the Land Exchange Facilitation and Management  
Fund.

**PA 240 of 2018:** PILT Estimate: \$2,274.72  
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in  
an increase of 160.00 acres of DNR-managed land.

**Seller(s):** Carol A. Mulcahy, Donna M. Dunn, Laura C. Youtsey, Mesa AZ

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

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(Department) April 30, 2024, calendar and is eligible for approval on  
May 7, 2024. Public notice of this proposed transaction will also be  
published in the Traverse City Record-Eagle on April 5, 2024, and is  
posted on the department’s webpage at  
[www.michigan.gov/publiclandnotices](http://www.michigan.gov/publiclandnotices).

**Management Purpose:** Acquisition of this parcel will allow it to be managed as part of the  
Traverse City Forest Management Unit.

**Comments:** The property includes approximately 160 acres with a mixed forest  
including hemlock, spruce, white pine and a scattering of oak and birch,  
and fronts a minimally improved, seasonally maintained forest road.  
Some second growth vegetation is in the southwest corner which  
displays lowlands and a creek identified as the headwaters of Jaxon  
Creek a designated natural river and cold-water trout stream.

Mineral rights will be retained by the seller(s).

- Recommendation:
1. That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF), TF22-0178 Jaxon Creek Headwaters and the Land Exchange Facilitation and Management Fund (LEFF).
  2. That this land be dedicated as part of the Traverse City Forest Management Unit.



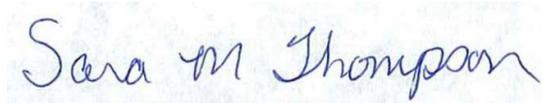
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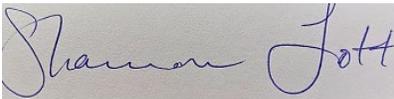
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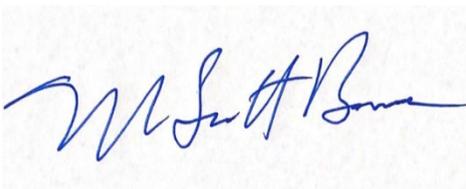


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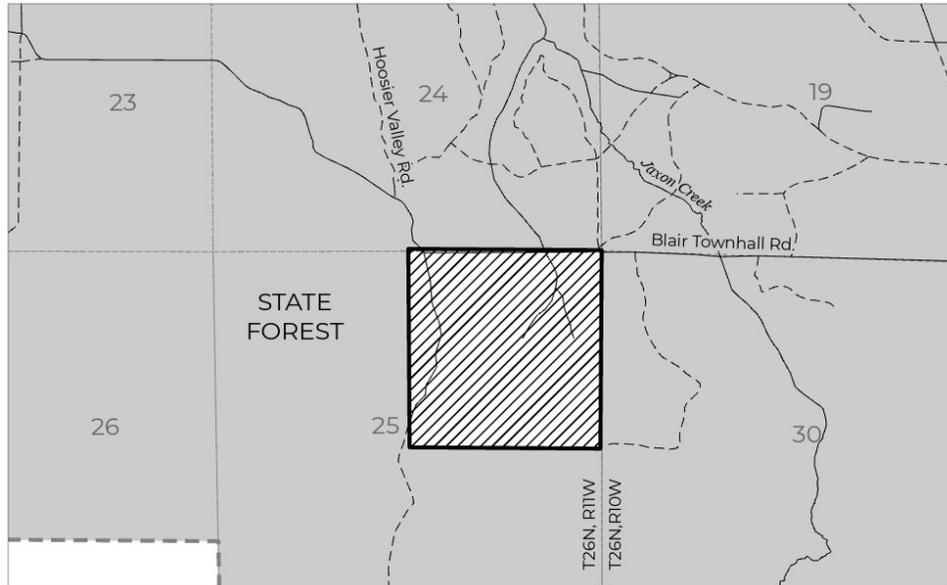
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FOREST RESOURCES LAND ACQUISITION  
Traverse City Management Unit – Grand Traverse County  
Land Transaction Case #20230174



Section 25, T26N-R11W, Blair Township

-  Land offered to DNR (160 acres)
-  State land
-  DNR Project Boundary

