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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LANSING



M. SCOTT BOWEN
DIRECTOR

August 12, 2024

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Wildlife Division Land Acquisition
Northern Lower Peninsula Region – Roscommon County
Land Transaction Case #20230172

Purchase: 480 acres

Purchase Price: \$1,050,000

Description: Roscommon County, Backus Township
Section 10: NW 1/4
Section 4: E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 and the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4
Section 3: SW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4
Township 22 North, Range 02 West, Michigan.

Funding Source: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) and Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF)

PA 240 of 2018: PILT Estimate: \$3,148.08
This parcel is North of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in an increase of 480 acres of DNR-managed land.

Seller: Beaver Pond Club Inc, Grand Blanc, 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) September 3, 2024, calendar and is eligible for approval on September 10, 2024. Public notice of this proposed transaction will also be published in the Houghton Lake Resorter on August 15, 2024, and is posted on the department’s webpage at www.michigan.gov/publiclandnotices.

Management Purpose: Acquisition of this parcel will provide wildlife habitat management and related recreational opportunities within the Backus Creek State Game Area.

Comments: The offered parcel is largely vacant land supporting five small hunting cabins. Overall, the parcel is relatively flat. The northwest portion is low and wet and part of the Backus Lake Flooding wetlands. To the east and south, the forested stands are composed of a mix of aspen, oak/pine, and lowland conifers. The property is bordered by State-owned land in the Backus Creek State Game Area on the north, south and west, with private land to the east.

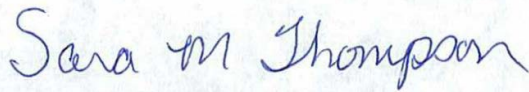
Acquisition of this parcel serves to consolidate ownership within the Backus Creek State Game Area and permit access to the northerly portion of the State Game Area which is currently inaccessible to the public. This acquisition enhances the Department's ability to manage for bear, grouse, deer and non-game species within the State Game Area.

Minerals: The mineral rights will be conveyed to the State of Michigan.

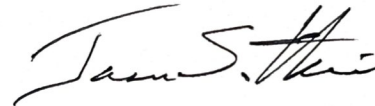
Recommendation:

1. That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from TF22-0133, Backus Creek State Game Area Addition, and the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF).
2. That this land be dedicated as part of Backus Creek State Game Area.
3. That the dedicated boundary for Backus Creek State Game Area be modified to include this property.

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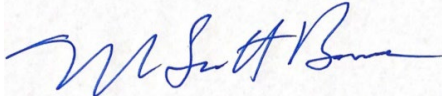
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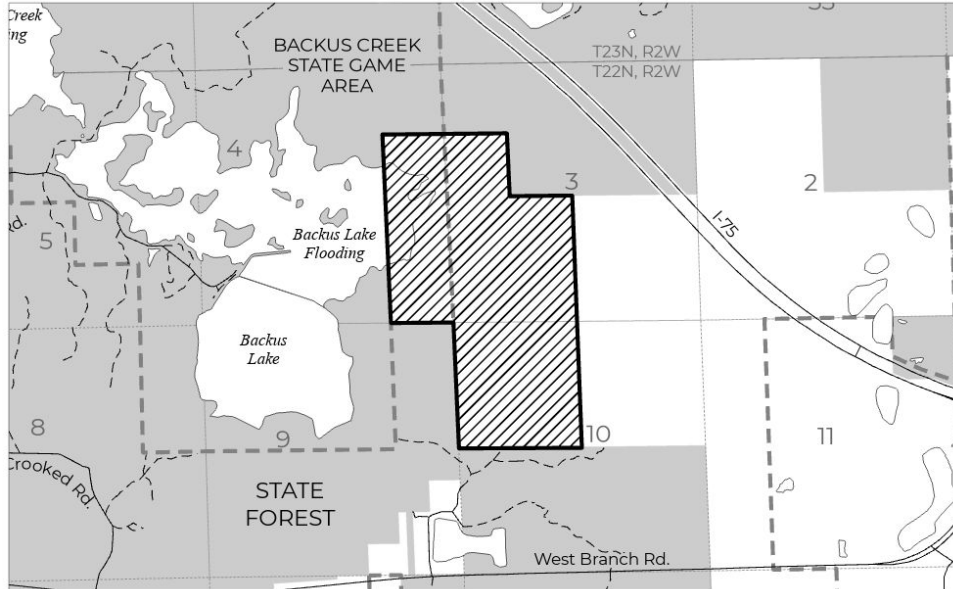
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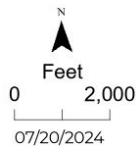
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WILDLIFE LAND ACQUISITION
Western Lower Peninsula District, Roscommon County
Land Transaction Case #20230172



Sections 3, 4 and 10, T22N-R02W, Backus Township

-  Land to be acquired by DNR (480 acres)
-  State land
-  DNR Project Boundary





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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Forest Resources Division Land Acquisition
Newberry Management Unit – Luce County
Land Transaction Case #20230217

Purchase: 400 acres

Purchase Price: \$290,000

Description: Luce County, Pentland Township
Section 13: The SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4
Section 24: The NE 1/4; the E 1/2 of the NW 1/4; the N 1/2
of the SE 1/4; and the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4
Township 45 North, Range 08 West, Michigan

Funding Source: Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF).

PA 240 of 2018: PILT Estimate: \$560.36
This parcel is North of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in
an increase of 400 acres of DNR-managed land.

Seller: Peter and Charles Lavender, Cheboygan, 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) September 3, 2024, calendar and is eligible for approval
on September 10, 2024. Public notice of this proposed transaction will
also be published in the Newberry News on August 14, 2024, and is
posted on the department’s webpage at
www.michigan.gov/publiclandnotices.

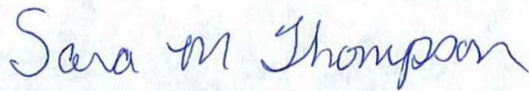
Management Purpose: Acquisition of this parcel will enhance timber management within
Newberry Management Unit.

Comments: The offered parcel is accessible via a non-exclusive easement from
M-28 Highway and consists of vacant land covered in mixed
hardwoods. Approximately 30% of the property is wetland in
association with a number of unnamed streams that drain to the
northeast into a large wetland complex and McLeod Ditch.

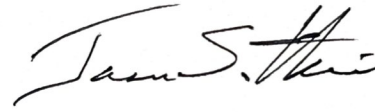
Minerals: The mineral rights are owned by a third party.

- 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 Newberry Management Unit.

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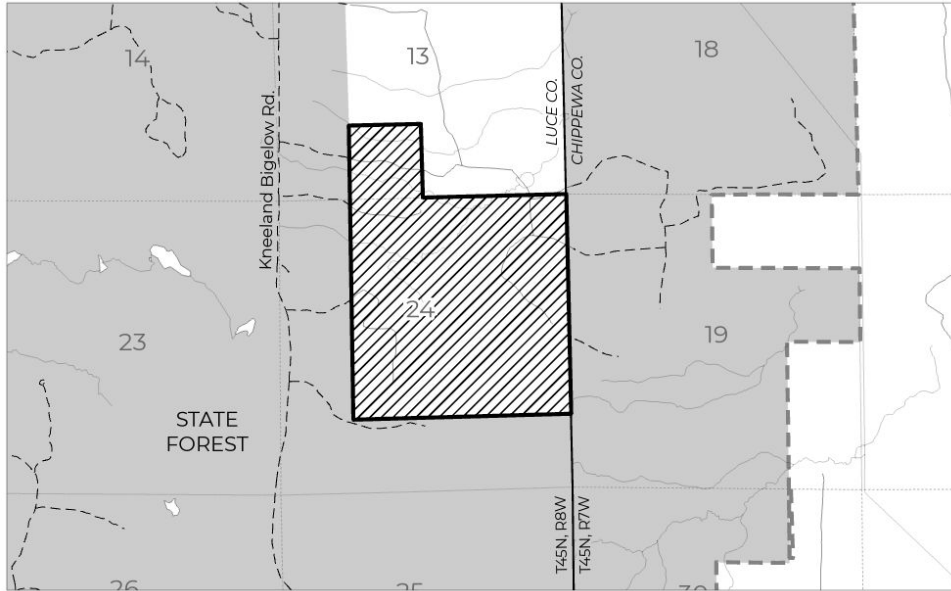
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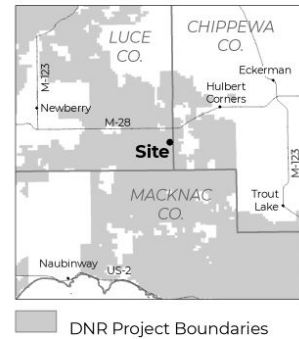
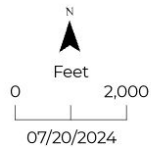
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FOREST RESOURCES LAND ACQUISITION Newberry Management Unit – Luce County Land Transaction Case #20230217



Sections 13 and 24, T45N-R08W, Pentland Township

-  Land to be acquired by DNR (400 acres)
-  State land
-  DNR Project Boundary





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MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Sale of Surplus DNR-Managed Land
Atlanta Management Unit – Presque Isle County
Land Transaction Case #20230220

Sale: 0.27 acre

Sale Price: \$1,100.00

Description: Presque Isle County, Metz Township, The Northeast 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 and Northwest 1/4 of Northeast 1/4, Section 29, Town 33 North, Range 05 East, Presque Isle County, Michigan. AND Commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 29, Town 33 North, Range 05 East, Presque Isle County, Michigan; thence along the North line of said section, N87°44'48"E, 1240.22 feet, to the point of beginning; thence continuing along said North line, N87°44'48"E, 79.88 feet, to the West 1/16 line; thence along said 1 /16 line, S00°55'08"E, 147.69 feet; thence S87°44' 48"W, and parallel with the North line of Section 29, 79.88 feet; thence N00°55'08"W, and parallel with said 1/16 line, 147.69 feet, to the North line of said section and also 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 0.27 acre of DNR-managed lands.

Applicant: Robin E. Frantz & Alicia Klieber-Frantz, Hawks, Michigan.

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

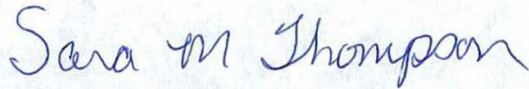
Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) September 3, 2024, calendar and is eligible for approval on September 10, 2024.

Acquired: Tax Reverted in 1928.

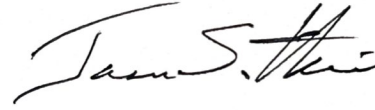
Minerals: Mineral rights will be conveyed.

Comments: The direct sale of this State of Michigan owned land to the applicants will resolve a structural trespass. The trespass includes a garage, shed, and many other items. In addition to the sale, the applicants were required to obtain a survey and then are to clearly identify new property boundary lines on the ground with metal posts or a fence to prevent a future trespass. The items in trespass have been contained in the surveyed land that we are selling to the applicants and will resolve their trespass.

Recommendations: 1. That the land be sold to the applicants for \$1,100.00.
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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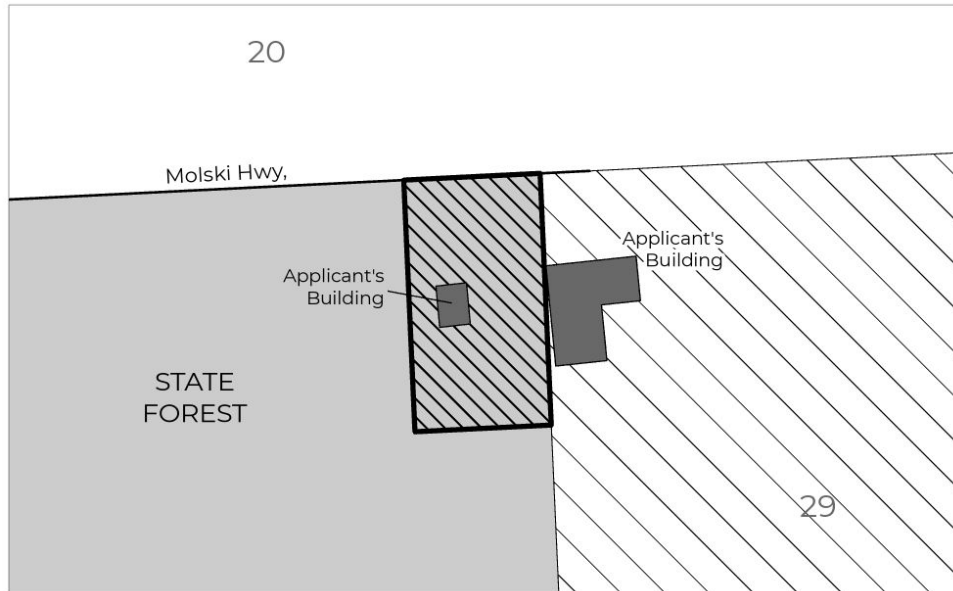
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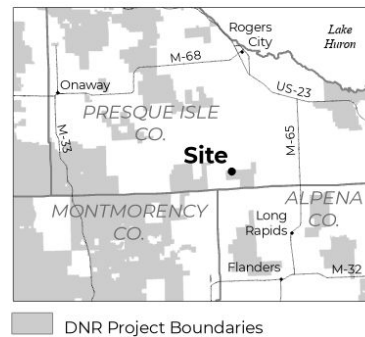
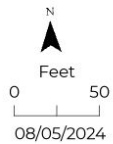
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SALE OF SURPLUS DNR-MANAGED LAND
Atlanta Management Unit – Presque Isle County
Land Transaction Case #20230220



Section 29, T33N-R05E, Metz Township

-  Surplus DNR land to be sold (0.27 acre)
-  Applicant land (Frantz and Klieber)
-  State land





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Information: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Sale of Surplus DNR-Managed Land
Grayling Management Unit, Oscoda County
Land Transaction Case # 20240051

Sale: 19.7 acres

Sale Price: To be determined prior to auction.

Description: Oscoda County, Elmer Township, T27N, R2E, Section 12:
NE1/4 of the SE1/4, EXCEPT the State Police tower site described as: beg at a point that is S 89d41m28s W 760.82 ft along the E-W 1/4 line of said Sec 12, and S 00d00m00s W 179.44 ft from the E 1/4 corner of said Sec 12; thence continuing S 00d00m00s W 100.00 ft; thence N 90d00m00s W 100.00 ft; thence N 00d00m00s E 100.00 ft; thence S 90d00m00s E 100.00 ft to POB.

PA 240 of 2018: These parcels are north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in a decrease 19.7 acres of DNR-managed lands.

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

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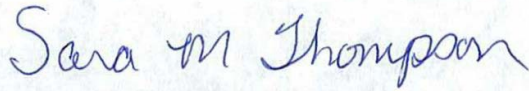
Acquired: Tax Reversion in 1939.

Minerals: Mineral rights will be reviewed at time of sale.

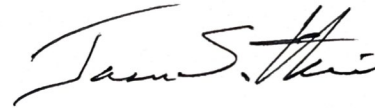
Comments: The parcel is surrounded by 4 private landowners and does not contain high value natural resources or has limited recreational opportunities. The property contains high relief and has a private tower site located within the property boundaries. There are several granted utility easements associated with property as a result.

The proposed sale was recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on June 20, 2024.

- Recommendations:
1. That the land be sold at public auction.
 2. That the proceeds of the sale(s) be deposited in the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund.
 3. That the state retains aboriginal antiquities.



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SALE OF SURPLUS DNR-MANAGED LAND
Grayling Management Unit – Oscoda County
Land Transaction Case #20240051



Section 12, T27N-R02E, Elmer Township

 Surplus DNR land to be sold (19.77 acres)

