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DIRECTOR

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TO: Daniel Eichinger, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Trail Easements Acquisition
Western Upper Peninsula District – Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron
and Ontonagon Counties
Land Transaction Case #20200174

Purchase: 204.92 acres (56.35 miles x 30' of permanent trail rights) - \$832,968.58

Funding Source: Michigan Permanent Snowmobile Easement Fund - PA 59 of 2019 and
PA 166 of 2020

PA 240 of 2018: Not applicable.

Description: **Dickinson County**

Breitung Township
T40N, R30W, Section 17

Felch Township
T43N, R29W, Sections 5 and 17

Gogebic County

Marenisco Township
T47N, R43W, Sections 1, 3, 7, 9 and 16; T47N, R42W, Section 8; and
T47N, R42W, Section 8

Ironwood Township
T48N, R47W, Section 19; T47N, R47W, Section 13; and T48N, R48W,
Section 13

Watersmeet Township
T44N, R39W, Section 29

Wakefield Township
T47N, R44W, Sections 17, 29, 30, and 31; T48N, R44W, Sections 29
and 31; and T47N, R45W, Sections 11 and 36

Bessemer Township
T45N, R45W, Sections 2, 12, 13, 14, 23, 26, 34, 35 and 36; and T47N,
R45W, Section 36

Houghton County

Duncan Township

T47N, R37W, Sections 23 and 33

Laird Township

T51N, R35W, Sections 21 and 26

Iron County

Mastodon Township

T42N, R31W, Sections 1 and 2; T42N, R32W, Sections 17, 31 and 33;
and T42N, R33W, Sections 13 and 35

Stambaugh Township

T42N, R35W, Sections 16, 17 and 21

Ontonagon County

Standard Township

T48N, R39W, Section 6.

Bergland Township

T48N, R42W, Sections 6, 9 and 21; T48N, R43W, Sections 15, 16, 21,
29 and 35; T49N, R42W, Section 29; and T49N, R43W, Sections 19,
21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 35

Matchwood Township

T48N, R42W, Sections 22 and 27

All descriptions are more accurately described in the case file.

Seller: Keweenaw Land Association, Ironwood, 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) December 1, 2020 calendar and is eligible for approval on December 8, 2020.

Management Purpose: The land will be managed by the Upper Peninsula Region of the Trails Section of the Parks and Recreation Division in conjunction with seven snowmobile clubs and three off-road vehicle (ORV) clubs.

Comments: The offered Keweenaw Land Association recreational trail easements are located in five counties in the Western Upper Peninsula. This acquisition encompasses 204.92 acres and 56.35 miles x 30-feet of

permanent trail rights. The offered easements will permanently secure trail access and connect trails on public lands in perpetuity.

This acquisition will contribute to achieving Department and division goals and strategies by providing additional public recreation opportunities and securing trails for future generations.

Recommendations:

1. That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Permanent Snowmobile Easement Fund, PA 59 of 2019 and PA 166 of 2020.
2. That the land be dedicated for public use as recreational trails and administered by the Parks and Recreation Division, Trails Section.



James L. Dexter, Chief
Fisheries Division



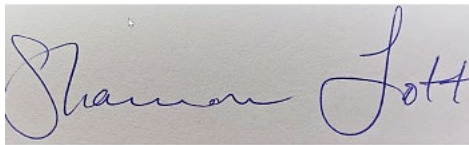
Jeff Stampfly, Acting Chief
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Wildlife Division



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Natural Resources Deputy



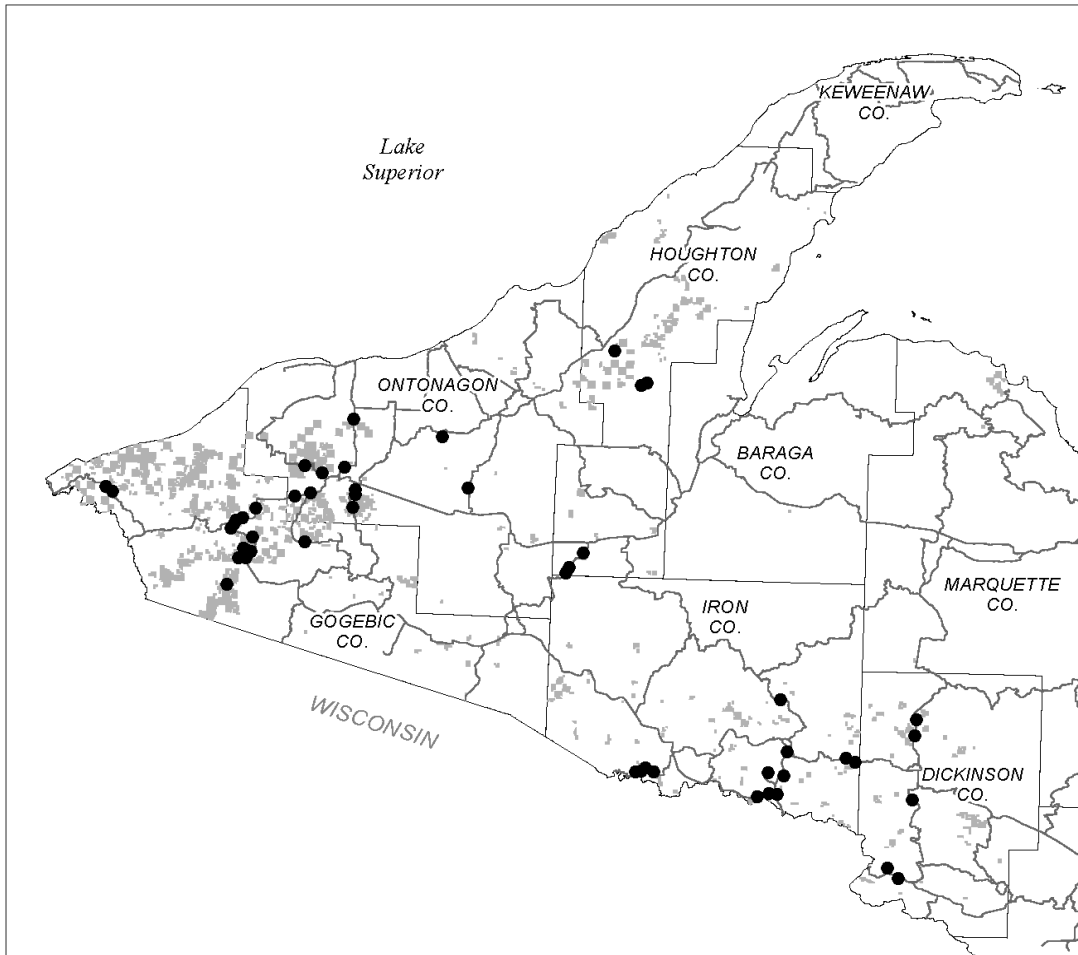
Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

Daniel Eichinger
Director

Date Approved:

STATE TRAIL EASEMENTS ACQUISITION
Western Upper Peninsula District
Gogebic, Ontonagon, Houghton, Iron, and Dickinson Counties
Land Transaction Case #20200174



- Location of trail easements
- Designated snowmobile trails
- Applicant's land
- Private land

