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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

SUBMITTED: July 25, 2016
RESUBMITTED: August 15, 2016

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Order to Restrict the Use of Motorized Vehicles on Specific Hunting Trails in the Cedar River Grouse Enhanced Management System, Garden Grade Grouse Enhanced Management System, and the Melstrand Grouse Enhanced Management System
Land Use Orders of the Director Amendment No. 9 of 2016

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director to issue orders to implement land use rules.

Discussion and Background:

Grouse Enhanced Management Systems (GEMS) are a collection of intensively managed lands spread across the State of Michigan. The GEMS bring attention to Michigan's outstanding upland bird hunting opportunities through the creation of a series of walk-in access hunting trails. A majority of these hunting trails are the result of past logging activities that were specifically designed to offer leisurely walk-in access to hunters by providing minimal terrain challenges and easy trail and road grades. Currently, most of the hunting trails allow motorized vehicle access, which degrades the conditions of walk-in access hunting trails. The Department recommends restricting the use of motorized vehicles on specific hunting trails in three GEMS located in the Upper Peninsula; the Cedar River GEMS, the Garden Grade GEMS, and the Melstrand GEMS.

These restrictions are highly recommended for a variety of reasons. The trails are routinely used by traveling wing-shooters, mentored youth, and aging hunters who are no longer able to navigate the thick brush associated with grouse and woodcock hunting. The trails also provide wildlife viewing opportunities for additional game and non-game species. In addition, trees along the trails provide food and habitat for wildlife species. The proposed closures to motorized vehicles will protect the potential for motorized vehicle accidents and protect wildlife habitat. Closing specific hunting trails to motorized vehicles will also allow the Department to properly manage GEMS hunting trails for their primary purpose; to provide quality, walk-in hunting opportunities for hunters pursuing ruffed grouse, woodcock and other wildlife species.

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The Department recommends the following:

- A person shall not operate a motorized vehicle within the area commonly known as the Cedar River Grouse Enhanced Management System, where gated, posted, or otherwise blocked within sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, T35N, R25W, and sections 1 and 12, T35N, R26W, Menominee County, without written permission issued by the Department.
- A person shall not operate a motorized vehicle within the area commonly known as the Garden Grade Grouse Enhanced Management System, where gated, posted, or otherwise blocked within sections 31 and 32, T41N, R17W, Schoolcraft County and sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, and 24, T40N, R18W, Delta County, without written permission issued by the Department.
- A person shall not operate a motorized vehicle within the area commonly known as the Melstrand Grouse Enhanced Management System, where gated, posted, or otherwise blocked within sections 21, 22, 27, 28, and 33, T47N, R17W, Alger County, without written permission issued by the Department.

The Department also recommends that Department employees and their designees be allowed motorized vehicle access, as well as emergency personnel performing official duties. Personal Assistive Mobility Devices are not considered a motorized vehicle.

In order to properly manage these trails, the Department will install gates, post signs or otherwise block unauthorized vehicle usage where motorized vehicles are not permitted. A management plan was developed for each of these GEMS sites by Department staff that outline the management goals for each GEMS. The management plans include kiosk placements and gate locations, as well as parking facilities for improved access to the properties.

Biological

A primary goal of GEMS is to promote ruffed grouse and woodcock habitat, as well as other wildlife species habitat including bear, deer, and turkey. Currently, motorized vehicles in the walk-in access trails often damage the habitat, specifically clover and fruit-bearing trees the Department plants to benefit wildlife habitat. In addition, closing the trails to motorized vehicles will allow the Department to properly maintain the wildlife habitat in order to enhance hunting opportunities, showcase grouse and woodcock habitat management for educational purposes, and offer exceptional wildlife viewing opportunities.

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Social

The increased revenue from the 2014 license fee package, Public Act 108 of 2013, allowed the Department to develop GEMS to enhance and offer recreational opportunities for grouse and woodcock hunting. In addition, GEMS trails create safe and easily accessible hunting opportunities for new hunters or those with limited mobility.

The Ruffed Grouse Society, Wildlife Unlimited of Delta County, UP Whitetails of Alger County, and Michigan United Conservation Clubs support the proposed changes. The Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission do not support the proposed changes.

Economic

The GEMS are areas that are utilized by both local and non-resident hunters. Local businesses that sign up to be GEMS sponsors get free advertising that can bring hunters to their business in particular, as well as the general area. Closing hunting trails to motorized vehicles will further support the forest economy and will tie local communities to Michigan's natural resources by capitalizing and expanding the forest tourism industry.

Recommendation:

The Department recommends the following:

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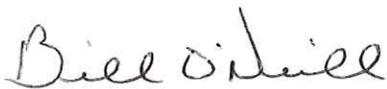
This order was submitted for information on August 11, 2016, at the Natural Resources Commission Meeting. This item appeared on the Department's July 2016 calendar and may be eligible for approval on September 8, 2016.



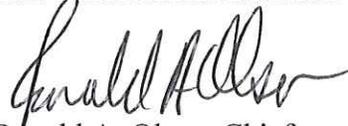
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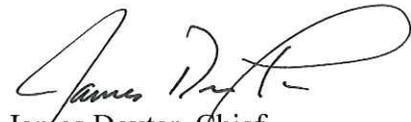
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Natural Resources Deputy

LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Amendment No. 9 of 2016

By authority conferred on the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by Section 504 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.504, and in accordance with R299.921 to R299.933, the Director of the Department of the Natural Resources orders the following:

4.6 Certain state-owned lands, Alger county, prohibited conduct, exceptions.

Order 4.6. (1) A person shall not operate a motorized vehicle, except under a written permit issued by the department's authorized representative on state-owned lands within the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of section 10, T45N R21W, and the NE1/4 of the NW1/4 and the NW1/4 of the NE1/4 of section 35, T45N R21W, the SE1/4 of the SW1/4 of section 18, T47N R17W, and section 36, T47N R17W, Alger county.

(2) A person shall not operate a motorized vehicle within the area commonly known as the Melstrand grouse enhanced management system, where gated, posted, or otherwise blocked within sections 21, 22, 27, 28, and 33, T47N, R17W, Alger county, without written permission issued by the department, exception:

(a) This section shall not apply to department employees and their designees using a motorized vehicle or a motorized vessel to perform official duties, or to fire, emergency or law enforcement personnel to perform official duties.

4.31 Certain state-owned lands, Menominee county, motorized vehicles, prohibited conduct, exceptions.

Order 4.31 (1) A person shall not operate a motorized vehicle, without a written permit issued by the department, from April 1 through November 30 upon:

(a) Trail numbers 8 through 10 lying within sections 22, 26, and 27, T36N R28W; section 6, T35N R25W; and section 16, T36N R25W, Menominee county.

(b) Trail numbers 14 through 15 lying within section 10, T37N R28W, and section 18, T37N R27W, Menominee county.

(2) A person shall not operate a wheeled motorized vehicle upon roads gated or otherwise blocked within the following state-owned lands of Menominee county without a written permit issued by the department:

(a) E½ of section 10, T37N R28W.

(b) S½ of section 9, T37N R28W.

(c) E½ of section 35, T35N R29W.

(d) N½ of section 16, and the NW¼ of the SE¼ of section 17, T36N R25W.

(e) NE¼ of section 23, T36N R26W.

(f) Section 31, T38N R28W.

(g) Sections 3-6, 8, 9, 16, and 21, T37N R28W.

(3) Except for department vehicles used for official business, a person shall not operate a wheeled motorized vehicle upon the following state owned lands of Menominee county, commonly known as the Peterson Pond, without written permission issued by the unit manager, Escanaba forest management unit, forest management bureau:

(a) SW ¼ and W ½ of the SE ¼ of section 19, T37N R25W.

(b) Entire section 30, T37N R25W, except for the E ½ of the NE ¼ and the NE ¼ of the SE ¼.

(c) Entire section 31, T37N R25W, except for the NW ¼ of the NW ¼.

(d) SE ¼ of the NE ¼ and E ½ of the SE ¼ of section 25, T37N R26W.

(e) NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of section 36, T37N R26W.

(f) NW ¼ of section 6, T36N R25W.

(4) A person shall not camp within one half mile of the township campground in the NW ¼ of section 8, or the Pemene falls parking area in the SW ¼ of section 16 and the NW ¼ of section 21, T37N R28W, Menominee county.

(5) A person shall not operate a motorized vehicle within the area commonly known as the Cedar river grouse enhanced management system, where gated, posted, or otherwise blocked within sections 5, 6, 7, and 8, T35N, R25W, and sections 1 and 12, T35N, R26W, Menominee county, without written permission issued by the department, exception:

(a) This section shall not apply to department employees and their designees using a motorized vehicle or a motorized vessel to perform official duties, or to fire, emergency or law enforcement personnel to perform official duties.

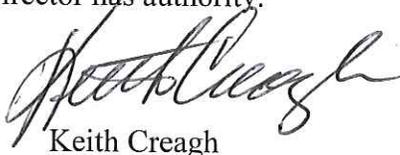
4.16b Certain state-owned lands, Delta and Schoolcraft counties, motorized vehicles, prohibited conduct, exceptions.

Order 4.16b A person shall not operate a motorized vehicle within the area commonly known as the Garden grade grouse enhanced management system, where gated, posted, or otherwise blocked within sections 31 and 32, T41N, R17W, Schoolcraft county and sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, and 24, T40N, R18W, Delta county, without written permission issued by the department, exception:

(a) This section shall not apply to department employees and their designees using a motorized vehicle or a motorized vessel to perform official duties, or to fire, emergency or law enforcement personnel to perform official duties.

This amended order shall be posted on or after the 8th day of September, 2016.

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.



Keith Creagh
Director



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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

SUBMITTED: July 18, 2016
RESUBMITTED: August 15, 2016

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission
Subject: Order to Regulate the Use of the Otsego Dam Area, Allegan County
Land Use Orders of the Director Amendment No. 7 of 2016

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 541, authorizes the Director to issue orders to implement land use rules.

Discussion and Background:

The Department recommends the temporary closure of Department-managed land at the Otsego Dam structure and certain surrounding lands along the Kalamazoo River located Allegan County, Otsego Township, T01N R12W, in sections 17, 20 and 21. These lands are designated as portions of Allegan State Game Area, in the Kalamazoo River bottomlands unit. The recommended closure area is approximately 185 acres, and includes 50 acres or more of water and riverine or lacustrine wetlands.

The area must be temporarily closed to comply with an Administrative Order on Consent issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to remove polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contaminated waste and soil materials that pose a significant risk to public health and the environment. Construction will be performed to remove impounded sediments, to conduct bank excavation and stabilization, and to conduct floodplain clearing and excavation. The project is expected to commence this summer and conclude by April of 2018.

The Department will utilize buoys and other postings to restrict access to the affected segments of the Kalamazoo River as work progresses through the river corridor. This area can be accessed at multiple locations through this stretch but has minimal public recreational use at this time. The work area extends for approximately one mile upstream of the Otsego Township Dam to the M-89 Bridge crossing the Kalamazoo River, downstream of the City of Otsego. Improvements to the area are expected to include removal of the Otsego Township Water Control Structure (replaced dam in March 2016), bank and vegetative restoration, improved access to the river for boating, and, possibly, the installation of a public boat launch.

The Department also recommends removing the restriction that a person shall not enter Plainwell No. 2 dam and former Plainwell No. 2 dam impoundment located in Allegan County without written permission from the wildlife management unit supervisor or his or her representative. This temporary closure was enacted to allow for cleanup at this location, which is now complete.

Recommendation:

This order was submitted for information on August 11, 2016, at the Natural Resources Commission Meeting. This item appeared on the Department's July 2016 calendar and may be eligible for approval on September 8, 2016.



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LAND USE ORDERS OF THE DIRECTOR

Amendment No. 7 of 2016

By authority conferred on the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by Section 504 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.504, and in accordance with R299.921 to R299.933, the Director of the Department of the Natural Resources orders the following:

3.11 Certain dam structures, Allegan county, entry prohibited.

Order 3.11 (1) A person shall not enter into or upon any of the following dam structures without written permission from the wildlife management unit supervisor or his or her representative:

- (a) The Plainwell no. 1 dam structure located in section 24, T01N R12W, Allegan county.
- (b) The Otsego dam structure located in sections 17 and 20 T01N R12W, Allegan county.
- (c) The Trowbridge dam structure located in section 12, T01N R13W, Allegan county.
- (d) The Swan creek dam structure located in section 17, T02N R14W, Allegan county.
- (e) The Swan creek diversion dam structure located in section 9, T2N R14W, Allegan county.

(2) This section shall not apply to department personnel acting in the lawful performance of their duties.

3.11a Certain state owned lands, Allegan county, entry prohibited, exception.

Order 3.11a (1) A person shall not enter, use, or occupy that portion of the former Plainwell impoundment, section 24, T1N R12W, Otsego township and sections 19 and 30 T1N R11W, Gun plain township, Allegan county, enclosed by a fence or posted against entry, use or occupancy.

(2) A person shall not enter, use, or occupy state-owned or managed lands surrounding the Otsego dam structure, as described in section 3.11 of this order, in Allegan county, Otsego township, and those adjacent state-owned lands being all or portions of sections 17, 20, and 21, T01N R12W, as described as being south of the current utility easement crossing the Kalamazoo river and located approximately 260 yards downstream (northwest) from the Otsego dam in section 17 (T01N R12W), being north/east of River road in section 20 (T01N R12W), and being both south of Lincoln road and north of Jefferson road in section 21 (T01N R12W), as posted against such use or entry, except with written permission from the department.

This amended order shall be posted on or after the 9th day of September, 2016.

Issued on this 8th day of September, 2016.



Keith Creagh
Director



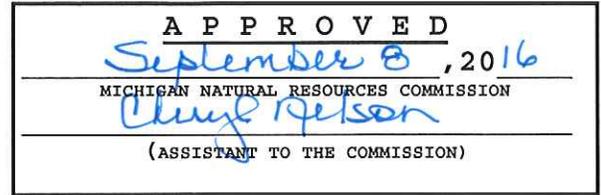
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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

SUBMITTED: August 4, 2016
RESUBMITTED: August 15,
2016



TO: Keith Creagh, Director
INFORMATION: NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION
Subject: Fisheries Order 243.16
State-Licensed Commercial Fishing

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue orders to regulate the taking of fish in the waters of this state.

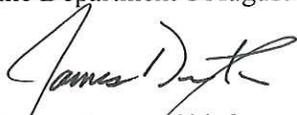
Discussion and Background:

The Department proposes to renew Fisheries Order 243 without modification. This Order was modified in 2015 to address an administrative issue impacting management of the state-licensed commercial fishery. The commercial fishing industry has been consulted and is supportive of the renewal of Fisheries Order 243 without modification. This Order is necessary to clarify commercial fishing law for the better protection, preservation, maintenance, and harvesting of the fish. The current Order is set to expire on October 9, 2016 and it is recommended by Fisheries Division and Law Enforcement Division to be renewed without change.

Under the authority of Section 46702 of 1994 PA 451, the effective date of any Order issued by the department under this part shall not be less than 30 days from and after the date of its issuance and requires notification by first class mail to all persons licensed under part 473. Therefore, it is recommended that this Order shall take effect October 8, 2016 and shall remain effective through October 7, 2017.

Recommendation:

It is our recommendation to continue to utilize FO-243.16 to clarify commercial fishing law for the better protection, preservation, maintenance, and harvesting of the fish. This Order was submitted for information on August 11, 2016, at the Natural Resources Commission Meeting. This item appeared on the Department's August 2016 calendar and may be eligible for approval on September 8, 2016.



James Dexter, Chief
Fisheries Division



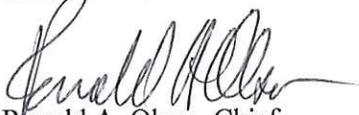
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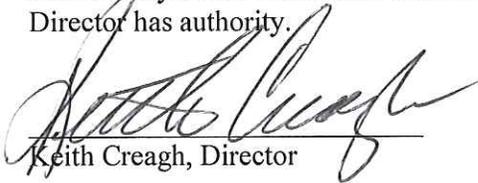


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Natural Resources Deputy

I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Director has authority.



Keith Creagh, Director

9/8/16

Date

FISHERIES ORDER

State-Licensed Commercial Fishing Order 243.16

Under the authority of Sections 46701 and 46702 of 1994 PA 451, as amended, MCL 324.46701 and MCL 324.46702, the Director of the Department of Natural Resources on September 8, 2016, ordered that the following state-licensed commercial fishing regulations apply:

1. State-licensed commercial trap net fishing is permitted in water depths of up to 150 feet in Lakes Huron, Michigan, and Superior under licenses issued by the Director.
2. The commercial harvest of chubs (*Coregonus hoyi*) is permitted in Lake Michigan north of Grand Haven under licenses issued by the Director.
3. Lake Erie is designated as rough fish grounds for commercial fishing as defined in MCL 324.47309(g).
4. The commercial harvest of Lake whitefish (*Coregonus clupeaformis*), 17 inches in length and greater, caught in Lake Erie in legally set trap nets, is permitted under licenses issued by the Director.
5. The department or its properly permitted designee may take fish in any manner, in any of the waters mentioned in this part, at any and all seasons of the year, for the purpose of fish culture or scientific investigation; may have and hold ripe and unripe fish for scientific investigation or in order to take spawn from the fish; and may sell or direct to be sold all of those ripe and unripe fish. A permitted designee of the department shall comply with the conditions established in the permit.
6. State-licensed commercial fishers shall comply with all license conditions.
7. Whitefish in lakes Michigan, Huron, and Superior shall be closed to harvest from noon on November 1 to noon on November 30.
8. It shall be unlawful to market, have in possession, transport, or offer for sale at any time, whether caught within or without this state any catfish of a length less than 15 inches, except that catfish of a length not less than 14 inches may be taken from Lake Erie, but such fish shall not be sold or offered for sale except at a dock or docks along said lake.
9. Suckers may be commercially taken from all waters of the state open to commercial fishing without a size limit and without a closed season.
10. Imported commercial and game fish species of a size, weight, or species not prohibited by the laws of the state or country where caught that are not processed outside the state of Michigan and sold to the consumer in the same package as imported may be possessed, transported, offered for sale, and marketed as follows:
 - a. A wholesale fish dealer who directly or indirectly imports the fish shall:

- i. Retain for 30 days following importation a commercial invoice or bill of sale or, if imported from Canada, the customs entry or customs broker's statement, which shall include the species of fish and formal entry number;
 - ii. Keep a record including the quantity and species of fish and the name and address of every retailer to whom such fish are sold or shipped; and
 - iii. Make the documents and records required by this section available for inspection by any law enforcement officer at any reasonable time.
 - b. A retail fish dealer shall retain a bill of sale or invoice indicating the quantity and species of fish and the name and address of the consignor for inspection by any law enforcement officer at any reasonable time until the fish are disposed of by sale or otherwise.
11. In addition to the requirement established in Section 10(a) of this Order, wholesale fish dealers licensed in Michigan, whether they are located within or outside the state, shall fill out and submit monthly purchase records on forms provided by the Department. Forms containing the monthly purchase records shall be submitted to the Department by the tenth day after the end of the month in which the fish were acquired. Reports not received by the Department by the end of the month in which they are due shall be considered delinquent and in violation of this order.

This Order modifies conditions as set forth in MCL 324.47302, MCL 324.47309 (h and i), MCL 324.47311 (b and f), MCL 324.47315, MCL 324.47319 (Subsection 1. e and f and Subsection 2), and MCL 324.47333 of 1994, PA 451, and Administrative Rule R 299.1074(b, c, and e) and Administrative Rule R 299.1075(3).

This Order shall be assigned number FO-243.16, and is entitled "State-Licensed Commercial Fishing."

This Order supersedes the Order entitled "State-Licensed Commercial Fishing," which became effective October 10, 2015, and is assigned number FO-243.15A.

Per MCL 324.46702, this Order shall take effect 30 days after being issued. This Order shall take effect October 8, 2016, and shall remain effective through October 7, 2017.

Issued on this 8th day of September, 2016.



Keith Creagh
Director



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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

August 15, 2016

To: Keith Creagh, Director

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Proposed October 18, 2016, Oil and Gas Lease Auction

Authority: Part 5, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended

Auction Method: Oral Auction

Acres Offered: Approximately 56,000 acres

Counties Offered: Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Isabella, Kalkaska, Midland, Montmorency, Oakland, and Presque Isle

Lease Terms: Five-year primary term with two one-year extension options; 1/6 royalty rate; minimum bid of \$10.00 per acre; and \$2.00 per acre annual rental for the primary term.

Special Restrictions: Certain parcels proposed to be offered for lease may contain restrictions limiting surface activities where environmental concerns exist. All oil and gas development activities proposed on state-owned surface require separate surface use agreements.

Notice: Township supervisors, county commissioners, legislators representing the nominated areas, and potentially affected private surface owners have been notified of the proposed auction. Notice of the proposed auction also appeared in the county newspapers representing the areas where the lands are located. This item will appear on the August 30, 2016, DNR Business Calendar, and is eligible for approval September 8, 2016.

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August 15, 2016

Recommendation: The mineral rights in all the lands being considered should be offered for inclusion in the proposed auction, under the terms and conditions specified.

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I approve the staff recommendation.

Keith Creagh

Keith Creagh
Director

9/8/16

Approval Date



RICK SNYDER
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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

August 15, 2016

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Exchange
Atlanta Management Unit – Montmorency County
Cronen Exchange
Land Transaction Case #20140226

Applicant: Lyndon and Carmen Cronen, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$320.00. The parcels involved in the exchange are north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in a net increase of 5 counted acres.
Excluded acres: There are no excluded acres as part of this transaction.

Private Land Offered in Exchange: 80.0 acres
Location: Montmorency County, Vienna Township, T31N, R01E, Section 29:
The N 1/2 of the NW 1/4.

Appraised Value: \$144,000.00
Payment at Closing: \$ 6,600.00

Total Compensation
To be Provided by
Applicant \$150,600.00

State Land Desired in Exchange: 75.0 m/l acres
Location: Montmorency County, Briley Township, T30N, R02E, Section 21:
That portion of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4
north of the Thunder Bay River.

Appraised Value: \$150,000.00

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) August 30, 2016, calendar, and is eligible for approval on September 6, 2016.

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Comments: The offered 80 acres will adjoin state forest land on all four sides. Acquisition of this parcel will block in state ownership, provide hunting and trapping opportunities, and contains the headwaters of the East Branch of the Black River.

The desired state land was acquired by tax-reversion in 1907. It is surrounded by private land north of the Thunder Bay River and public access is limited. Access to the Thunder Bay River will still be available from the south.

The state will reserve mineral rights on the desired land and the applicant does not own the mineral rights to the offered land.

The proposed land exchange was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on April 18, 2016.

Engagement: Vienna Township and Montmorency County have given support to this land exchange. Certified mail was sent to Briley Township in the attempt to receive comments, but a formal response has not been received.

Recommendation(s):

1. That the exchange be approved with the state reserving aboriginal antiquities and mineral rights.
2. That the offered property be dedicated as part of the Atlanta Management Unit.



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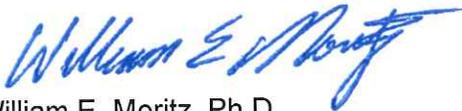
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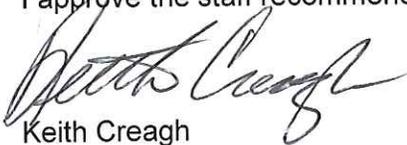


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Natural Resources Deputy



Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.



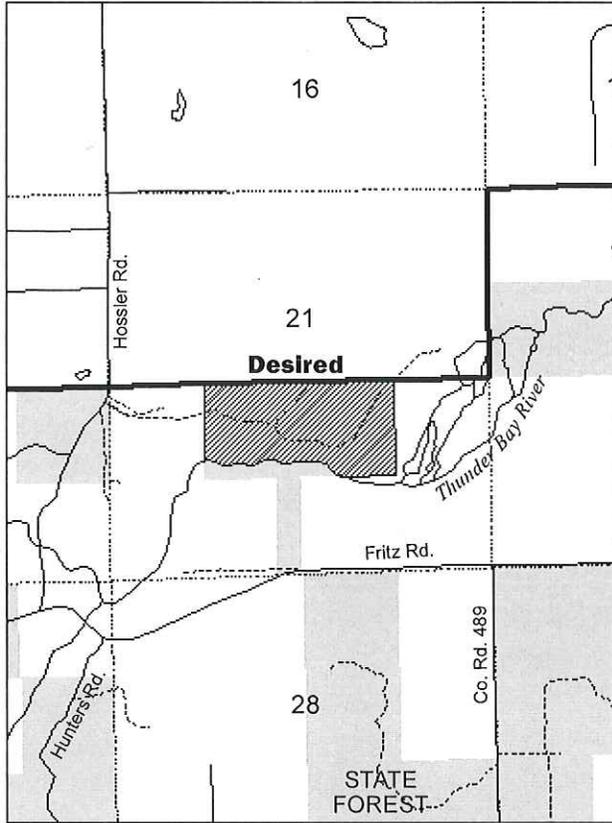
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Director

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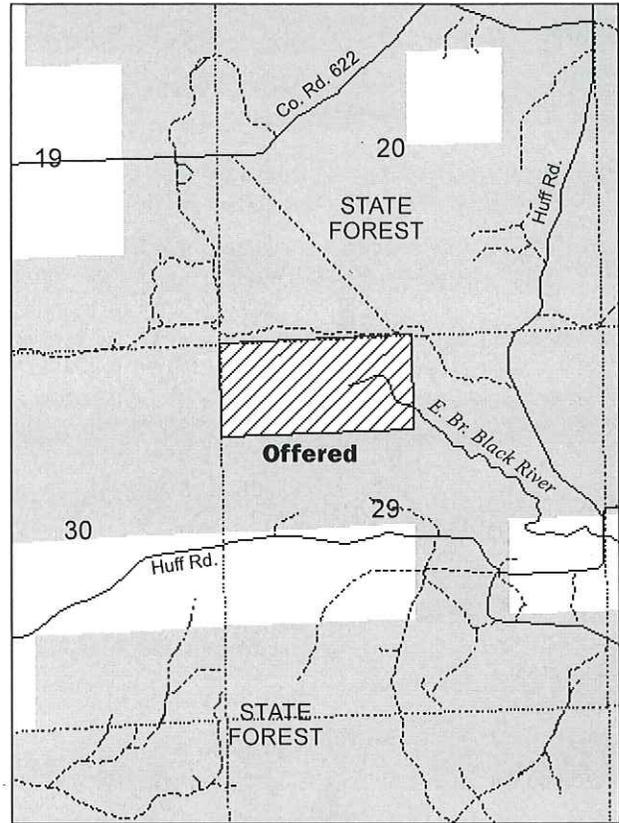
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STATE FOREST LAND EXCHANGE

Atlanta Management Unit – Montmorency County
Land Transaction Case # 20140226



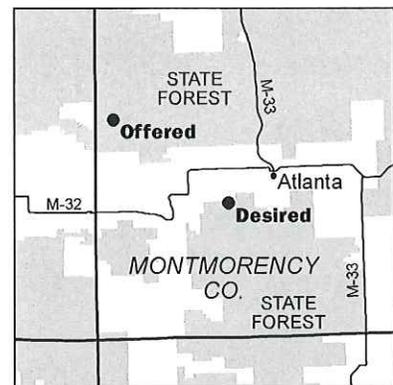
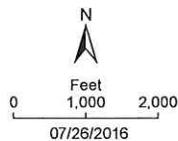
Section 21, T30N, R02E, Briley Township



Section 29, T31N, R01E, Vienna Township

- State land desired from DNR (75 acres)
- State land
- Private land
- DNR project Boundary

- Land offered to DNR in exchange (80 acres)
- State land
- Private land



- DNR Project Boundaries

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RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LANSING



KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

August 15, 2016

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Trail Gift of Easement
Western Upper Peninsula District – Delta County
Land Transaction Case #20160138

Purchase: 1,665 linear feet, more or less, of permanent trail rights.

Funding Source: Gift

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: None
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will not result in an increase of counted acres.

Description: Delta County, City of Gladstone, T40N, R22W, Section 17:
As more completely described in the case file.

Donor: City of Gladstone, 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) August 30, 2016, calendar, and is eligible for approval on September 6, 2016.

Management Purpose: This property will be managed as part of the Western Upper Peninsula District.

Comments: The City of Gladstone has agreed to convey a permanent trail easement to the Department. The proposed easement stretches approximately 1,665 linear feet and will secure this segment of Snowmobile Trail #2 and provide future opportunities for improving the trail for multiple recreational uses in the future.

Engagement: Department staff has been working with the City of Gladstone regarding this transaction, and the Gladstone City Council has indicated its support of this gift easement.

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- Recommendation:
1. That the gift of easement be accepted with appreciation.
 2. That the property be dedicated as part of the Snowmobile Trail #2 managed by Parks and Recreation Division.



Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division



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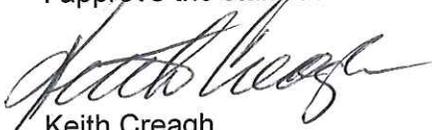


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Natural Resources Deputy



Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

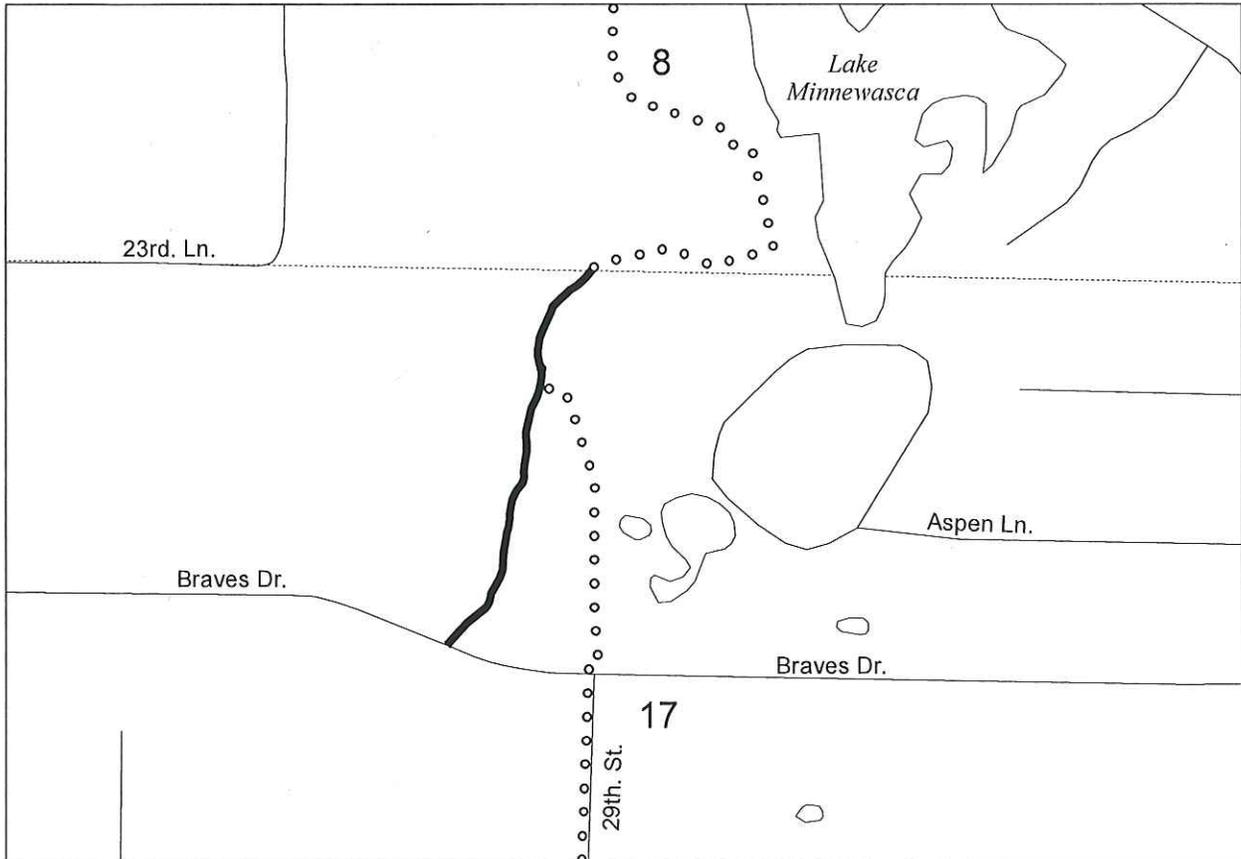


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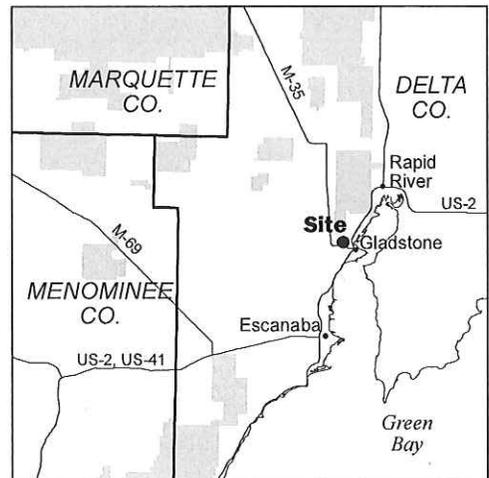
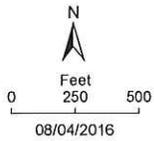
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STATE TRAIL GIFT OF EASEMENT
 Western Upper Peninsula District – Delta County
 Land Transaction Case #20160138



Section 17, T40N, R22W, City of Gladstone

- Gift of easement (1,665 linear feet)
- Designated snowmobile trail
- State land
- Private land



DNR Project Boundaries



RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

August 15, 2016

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Trail Gift of Easement
Western Upper Peninsula District – Houghton County
Land Transaction Case #20160140

Purchase: 2,000 linear feet, more or less, of permanent trail rights.

Funding Source: Gift

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: None
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will not result in an increase of counted acres.

Description: Houghton County, Laird Township, T51N, R35W, Section 33, AND T50N, R36W, Section 1: As more completely described in the case file.

Donor: L'Anse Area Schools, L'Anse, 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) August 30, 2016, calendar, and is eligible for approval on September 6, 2016.

Management Purpose: This property will be managed as part of the Western Upper Peninsula District.

Comments: The Department was approached by L'Anse Area Schools, which owns property in Houghton County that they intend to sell. Snowmobile Trail 109 runs through the property. Prior to selling the property, the L'Anse Area Schools would like to gift the Department a permanent easement for the trail. The proposed easement spans approximately 2,000 linear feet and will provide permanent access for snowmobiles and possible multiple recreational uses in the future.

Engagement: Department staff has communicated with L'Anse Area Schools and Laird Township representatives regarding this transaction. Both groups are in favor and have indicated their support of this gift of easement.

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Recommendation:

1. That the gift of easement be accepted with appreciation.
2. That the property be dedicated for public use and administered by the Parks and Recreation Division.



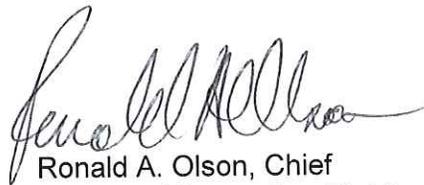
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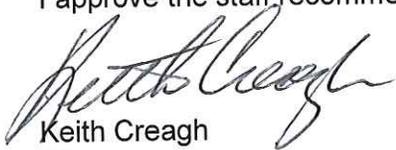


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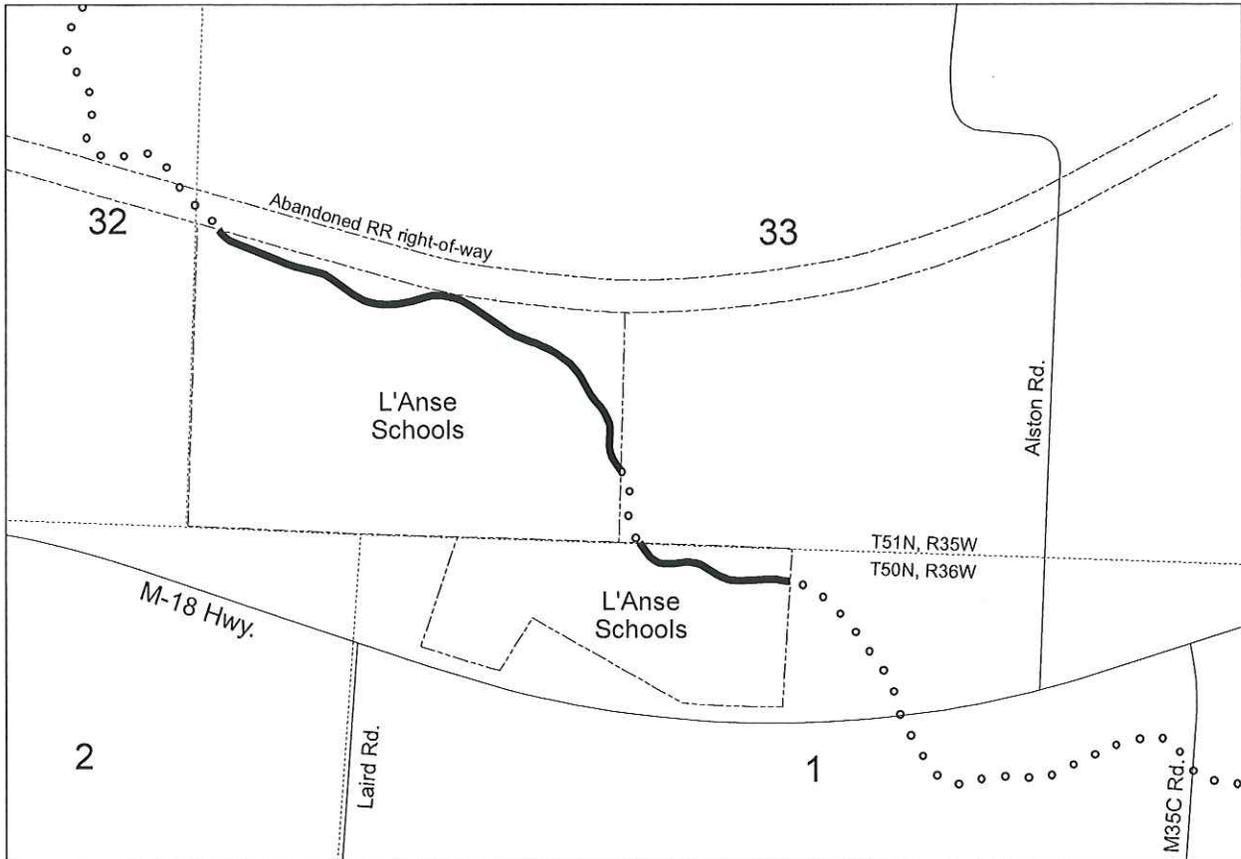
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Keith Creagh
Director

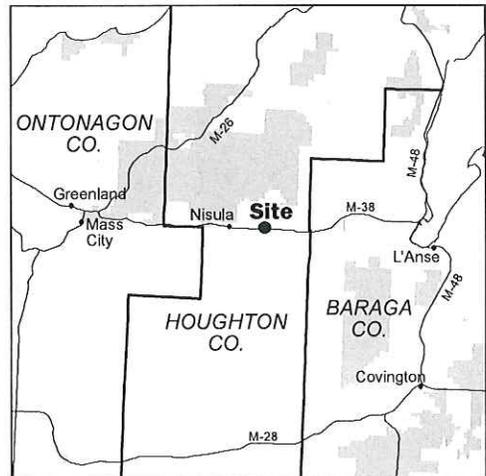
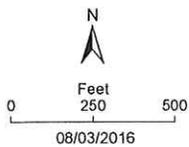
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Date Approved

STATE TRAIL GIFT OF EASEMENT
 Western Upper Peninsula District – Houghton County
 Land Transaction Case #20160140



Section 33, T51N, R35W and Section 01, T50N, R36W, Laird Township

- Gift of easement (2,000 linear feet)
- Designated snowmobile trail
- State land
- Private land



DNR Project Boundaries



RICK SNYDER
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LANSING



KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

August 15, 2016

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Forest Resources Acquisition
Gaylord State Forest Management Unit – Mackinac County
Oliver - Gift of Land
Land Transaction Case #20160098

Purchase: Gift of 0.11 acre

Funding Source: Gift

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$0.44
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line. As the subdivision was platted before July 2, 2012, the lots do not contribute to the overall land cap.

Description: Mackinac County, Bois Blanc Township, T39N, R01W, Section 3:
Lots 9 and 10, Block 26, Huron Shore Subdivision.

Donor: William G. Oliver, Ottawa, Canada.

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) August 30, 2016, calendar, and is eligible for approval on September 6, 2016.

Management Purpose: This property will be managed as part of the Gaylord State Forest Management Unit.

Comments: The parcel is surrounded by state forest land, with the only exception being Lot 8. The parcel provides for significant management efficiencies, timber and wildlife habitat, public recreation opportunities, and consolidates state ownership.

Engagement: Forest Resources will be reaching out to notify Bois Blanc Township and Mackinac County. The Department does not expect any concerns from the township or county. Both units have contacted the Department in the past when lots such as the Oliver parcel were available for potential acquisition.

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- Recommendation:
1. That the gift of land be approved with appreciation.
 2. That the offered property be dedicated as part of the Gaylord State Forest Management Unit.



Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division



William O'Neill, Chief
Forest Resources Division



James L. Dexter, Chief
Fisheries Division



Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Parks and Recreation Division



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Natural Resources Deputy



Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

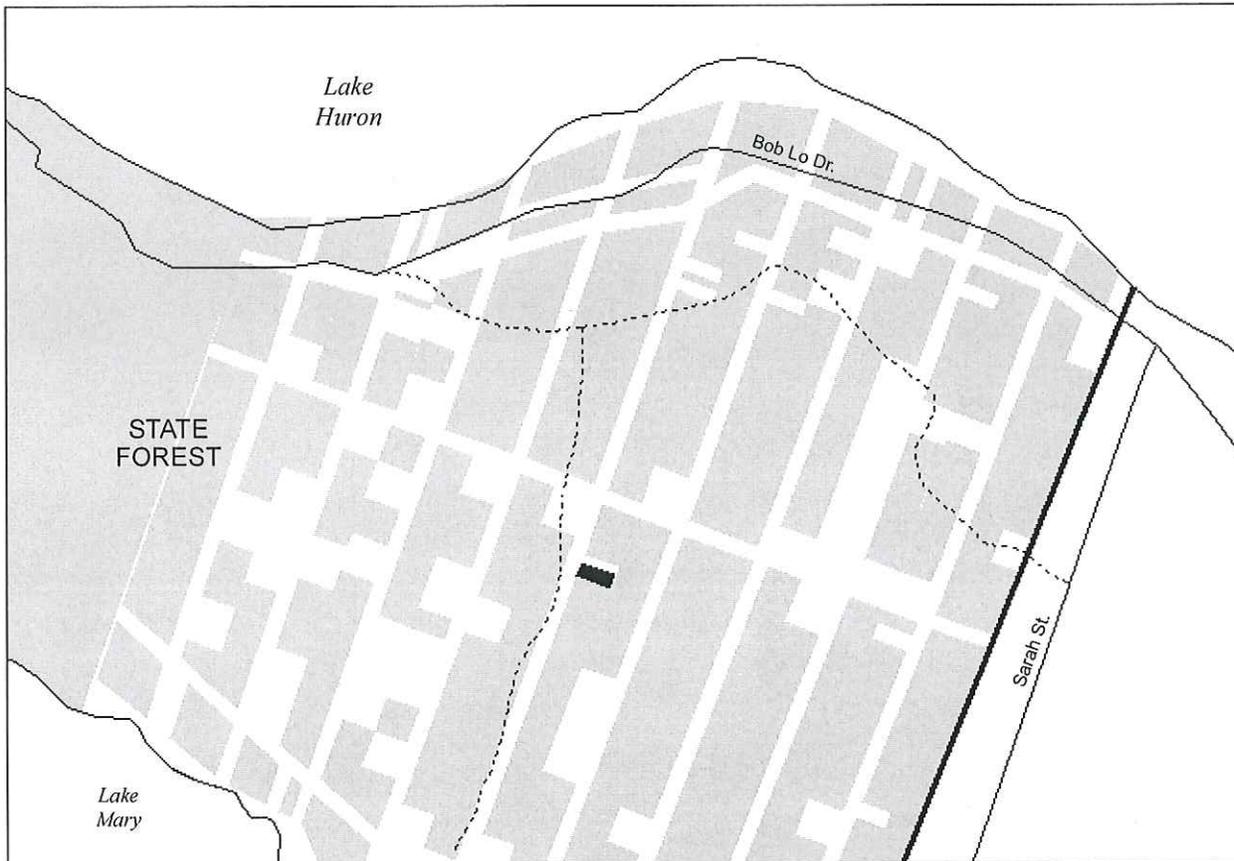
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Director

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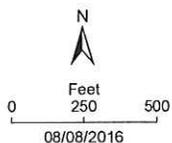
GIFT OF LAND

Gaylord Management Unit – Mackinac County
Land Transaction Case # 20160098



Section 3, T39N, R01W, Bois Blanc Township

- Land to be gifted to DNR (0.11 acre)
- State land
- Private land
- DNR Project Boundary



DNR Project Boundaries

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GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LANSING



KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

August 15, 2016

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Forest Resources Land Acquisition
Shingleton Management Unit – Schoolcraft County
Manistique Papers, Inc. – Manistique River Lamprey Barrier
Land Transaction Case #20160001

Purchase: 44.66 acres - \$1.00

Funding Source: Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF)

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$991.31
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 44.66 counted acres. There are no excluded acres as a part of this transaction.

Description: Schoolcraft County, City of Manistique, T41N, R16W, Sections 1 & 12:
As more particularly described in the case file.

Seller(s): Manistique Papers, Inc. (MPI)
Realization Advisors, Chicago, Illinois, as trustee.

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

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) August 30, 2016, calendar, and is eligible for approval on September 6, 2016.

Management Purpose: The land will be used to construct a sea lamprey barrier on the Manistique River in partnership with the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and US Army Corps of Engineers.

Comments: The existing Manistique Papers, Inc. dam served as a critical sea lamprey barrier until the early 1990s, when deterioration allowed adult sea lampreys to pass upstream into hundreds of miles of prime spawning habitat. The resulting lamprey production and wounding rate on lake trout lead to the decline of the fishery and ecosystem of northern Lake Michigan.

Acquisition of this 44.66-acre parcel, including the existing MPI dam, levee, and part of the existing log flume, will provide land for construction of a new sea lamprey barrier, improvement to the existing levee, and

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partial removal of the existing flume. The new barrier will reduce the total number of sea lamprey spawning within the Manistique River system and living within northern Lake Michigan.

This land acquisition will support the Department's mission to protect and enhance Michigan's aquatic life and habitats for the benefit of current and future generations.

The seller will convey mineral rights relative to this land, if owned.

Engagement:

City of Manistique: Support state ownership of the property and completion of the lamprey barrier project.

Schoolcraft County: Support state ownership of the property and completion of the lamprey barrier project.

Additional public meetings regarding the lamprey barrier project will be held locally to answer project design questions and receive public comments.

Recommendation:

(1) That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the LEFF account.

(2) That the property be dedicated as part of the Shingleton Management Unit.



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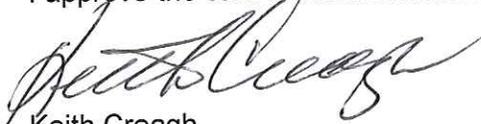


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Natural Resources Deputy



Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.



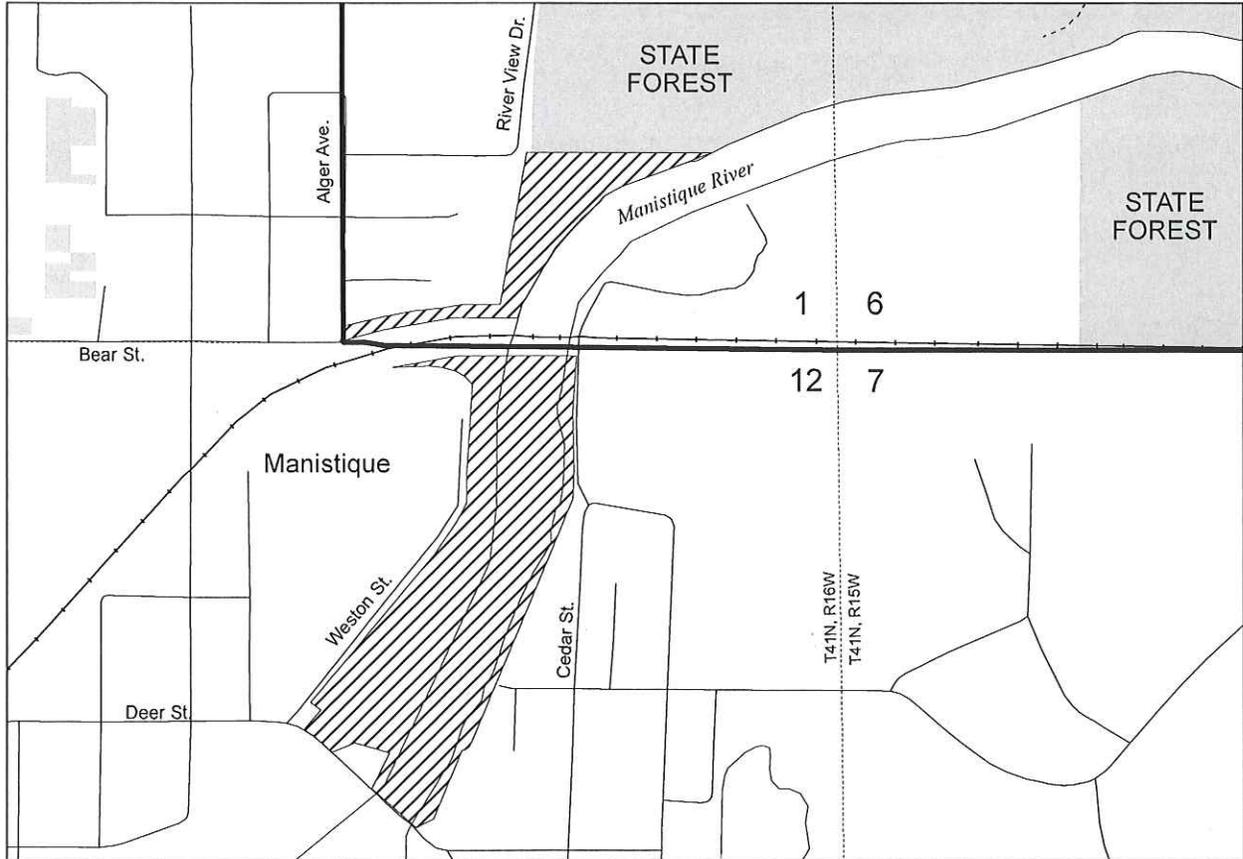
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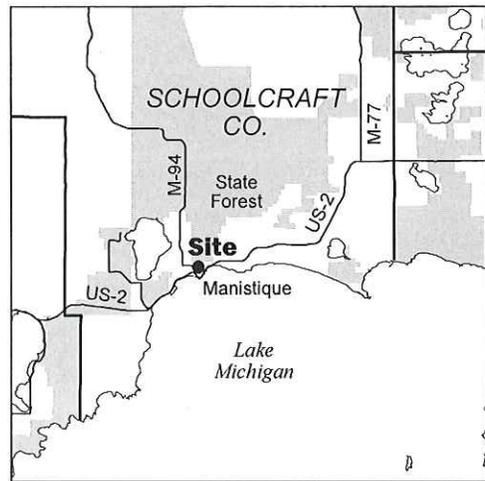
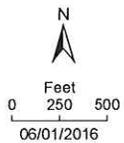
FOREST RESOURCES LAND ACQUISITION

Shingleton Management Unit – Schoolcraft County
Land Transaction Case #20160001



Sections 1 and 12, T41N, R16W, City of Manistique

- Land to be acquired by DNR (44.66 acres)
- State land
- Private land
- DNR Project Boundary



DNR Project Boundaries

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