



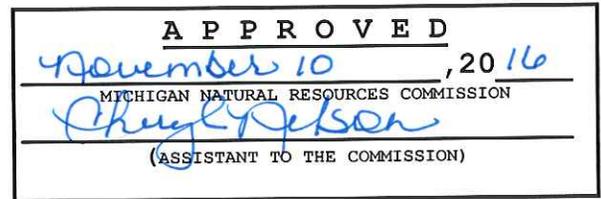
RICK SNYDER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LANSING



KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

SUBMITTED: September 12, 2016
RESUBMITTED: October 17, 2016



MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Spring Turkey Regulations
Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 10 of 2016

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue orders to manage wild animals in this state.

Discussion and Background:

Current spring turkey regulations have been in place since 2013 as part of a three-year stabilized regulation process that originated in 2008. The spring wild turkey season is designed to maximize hunter opportunity for a satisfactory hunting experience while sustaining a viable wild turkey population. When turkeys were a species of scarcity, traditional spring turkey hunting seasons had restrictive regulations for both public and private land in order to widely disperse hunters to provide a quality recreational experience. As wild turkey populations have flourished, turkey hunters and private landowners have requested greater flexibility in areas where they can hunt. The proposed recommendations are the result of discussions with stakeholder groups and Department staff and mark the beginning of the fourth cycle of three-year stabilized regulations for turkey management. The recommendations are similar to the last three-year regulatory cycle and are an effort to provide additional recreational opportunity without negatively impacting the quality of spring turkey hunting. In keeping with efforts to stabilize regulations by using multi-year cycles, these regulations are proposed to remain constant for three years.

License Quotas

License quotas are developed to harvest the desired number of turkeys to meet the management goal. For the 2017, 2018, and 2019 spring turkey season, the Department recommends that a total of 84,140 licenses (49,140 General, 35,000 Private) be made available through a lottery during the hunter limited hunt periods and that approximately 58,114 square miles of area be open to spring turkey hunting. A person may purchase only one license for the spring turkey hunting season. Most quotas will remain the same.

The Department recommends maintaining the spring wild turkey general license seasons and quotas for turkey management units (TMU): A, B, E, F, J, K, M, ZA, ZB, ZC, ZD, ZE, and ZF.

The recommended license quota for TMU ZZ (Hunt 301) in the Lower Peninsula is 35,000. This is a decrease by almost half from the last cycle. This recommended adjustment is expected to more closely match demand and actual license sales.

Biological

The 2015 Michigan Spring Turkey Hunter survey concluded that approximately 71,902 hunters harvested about 30,039 turkeys. Of the 30,039 turkeys harvested in 2015, approximately 91 percent of these birds were taken on private land. About 18 percent of the harvested birds were juvenile males; 81 percent were adult males, and about 1 percent were bearded females.

Department experts and turkey management partners do not expect a biological impact to the reduced quota for TMU ZZ.

Social

During the last three years, the Department has sought feedback about spring wild turkey regulations from conservation organizations, turkey hunters, and others. The 2015 Michigan Spring Turkey Hunter survey concluded that nearly 70% of hunters rated their hunting experience as excellent, very good, or good. Also, statewide hunter satisfaction has increased significantly (from 67% in 2014 to 70% in 2015). Generally, most hunters are satisfied with the current regulations

The National Wild Turkey Federation, Wildlife Unlimited of Delta and Dickinson Counties, Superior Turkey Trackers, Menominee National Wild Turkey Federation, Menominee Strutting Toms, Bays De Noc Gobblers, Eastern Dickinson County Sportsman Club, and Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association support the proposed recommendations.

Economic

Turkey hunting opportunities provide economic benefits by increasing recreation and hunting-related expenditures, e.g., costs of ammunition, food, travel, and lodging.

Future Regulation Discussions

Currently, the Department is partnering with Michigan State University using structured decision-making approaches to evaluate wild turkey management options in Michigan. An important component of this approach involves input from stakeholders through a series of workshops to gather input about goals, objectives, and management options for turkey management. This process has involved a series of collaborative workshops carried out over the last two years. A diversity of stakeholder groups, Natural Resources Commission Chair, and Department field representatives are involved with this structured decision-making process. During the development and evaluation of the next cycle of stabilized regulations, a number of topics will emanate from this process for discussion between the Department, stakeholders, and constituents. Some topics of discussion will include boundary changes, season date structure changes, youth hunting opportunities, and hunt unit structure changes.

The Southeast Wildlife Region and the Southwest Wildlife Region proposed extending hunt unit ZZ (Hunt 301) from 14 days to 44 days and eliminating hunt unit 234. These Regions also

proposed restructuring the hunting seasons for the general licenses in Southern Michigan. After further review of hunt unit ZZ hunter satisfaction (77%) in the 2015 Michigan Spring Turkey Hunter Survey and discussions with stakeholders and staff, it is unclear whether there is uniform currently support for these recommendations. These proposals will be reviewed through the structured decision-making process and considered during the next cycle of stabilized regulations.

In June, Michigan United Conservation Clubs passed a resolution seeking to change the season opening date from a Monday to a Saturday in hunt unit ZZ. Since the convention, the National Wild Turkey Federation and the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association have clarified that they do not support this change. Therefore, there will be no recommended change during this cycle of stabilized regulations. This topic will be discussed during the next cycle of stabilized regulations.

Recommendation:

This order was submitted for information on October 13, 2016, at the Natural Resources Commission Meeting. This item appeared on the Department's September 2016 calendar and may be eligible for approval on November 10, 2016.



Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
Wildlife Division



Gary Hagler, Chief
Law Enforcement Division



Bill O'Neill, Chief
Forest Resources Division



Ronald A. Olson, Chief
Parks and Recreation Division



James Dexter, Chief
Fisheries Division



William E. Moritz, Ph.D.
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

11/10/2016
Date

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER

Amendment No. 10 of 2016

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by sections 40107 and 40113a of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.40107 and 324.40113a, it is ordered that effective November 11, 2016, the following section(s) of the Wildlife Conservation Order shall read as follows:

3.300a Wild turkey population, harvest quotas.

Sec 3.300a. (1) The spring wild turkey hunt seasons and quotas for general licenses valid on all land within the listed unit shall be as shown in table 6:

TABLE 6
Spring Wild Turkey General License Seasons and Quotas

Hunt Numbers	Open Units	Hunt Seasons	License Quota
101	A	Begins on Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 14 days.	5,500
102	B	Begins on Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 14 days.	1,000
103	E	Begins on Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	850
104	E	Begins 7 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	850
105	F	Begins on Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	2,500
106	F	Begins 7 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	2,500
107	J	Begins on Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 14 days.	4,000
108	K	Begins on Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	4,000
109	K	Begins 7 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	4,500
110	M	Begins on the Monday closest to April 20 and continues through May 31.	6,000
111	ZA	Begins on Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	1,200
112	ZA	Begins 7 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	1,200
113	ZA	Begins 14 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	1,200
114	ZA	Begins 21 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues through May 31.	1,200
115	ZB	Begins on Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	650
116	ZB	Begins 7 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	650
117	ZB	Begins 14 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	650
118	ZB	Begins 21 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues through May 31.	650
119	ZC	Begins on Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	600
120	ZC	Begins 7 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	600
121	ZC	Begins 14 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	600
122	ZC	Begins 21 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues through May 31.	600
123	ZD	Begins on Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	10
124	ZD	Begins 7 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	10
125	ZD	Begins 14 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	10
126	ZD	Begins 21 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues through May 31.	10
127	ZE	Begins on Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	500
128	ZE	Begins 7 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	500
129	ZE	Begins 14 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	500
130	ZE	Begins 21 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues through May 31.	500
131	ZF	Begins on Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	1,300
132	ZF	Begins 7 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 7 days.	1,300
133	ZF	Begins 14 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues through May 31.	3,000

(2) The spring wild turkey hunt seasons and quotas for private land only licenses which are not valid on county, state or federal lands, except that they may be used to hunt Fort Custer military lands with permission, shall be as shown in table 7:

TABLE 7
Spring Wild Turkey Private Land License Seasons and Quotas

Hunt Number	Open Unit	Hunt Seasons	License Quota
301	ZZ	Begins on Monday closest to April 20 and continues for 14 days.	35,000

(3) Hunt number 234 begins 14 days after the Monday closest to April 20 and continues through May 31. Licenses for hunt number 234 are valid on private and public land in spring turkey management units, except public lands in southern Lower Peninsula wild turkey management unit (unit ZZ). Individuals who possess a valid license for hunt number 234 may hunt Fort Custer military land with permission.

(4) An individual may purchase a license for hunt number 234 when leftover licenses are made available for purchase through May 31; no application is required.

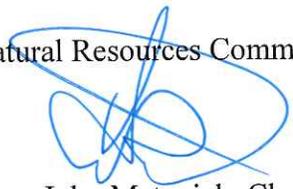
(5) If any limited quota licenses remain after the drawing, an unsuccessful applicant may purchase one leftover license on a first-come, first-served basis for a one-week period. Any limited-quota licenses that remain after this one-week period will be made available to all hunters on a first-come, first-served basis.

(6) The wildlife division chief may recommend to the director the need for any appropriate significant changes in quotas based on experience with population densities, hunter satisfaction levels, hunter application rates, or survey results. The director, in consultation with the chairman or vice-chairman of the natural resources commission, may make changes in quotas in a turkey management unit to address this new information.

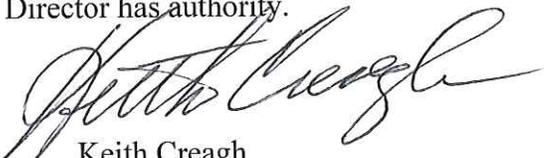
(7) It is unlawful to purchase more than one Michigan spring turkey hunting license.

Issued on this 10th day of November, 2016.

Approved as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.


 John Matonich, Chairman
 Natural Resources Commission

Approved as to matters over which the Director has authority.


 Keith Creagh
 Director



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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

October 17, 2016

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Sale of Surplus DNR-Managed Land
Gaylord Management Unit – Antrim County
Land Transaction Case #20140225

Sale: 0.04± acre

Sale Price: \$1,000.00

Description: Antrim County, Warner Township, T31N, R05W, Section 11:
A parcel of land in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4; as more particularly
described in the case file.

PA 240 of 2012: This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in a
decrease of 0.04 acre of counted DNR-Managed lands.

Applicant: Eric and Nancy Topel, Elmira, 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) November 1, 2016, calendar, and is eligible for approval
on November 8, 2016. The transaction will also be posted in a local
newspaper as required by statute.

Acquired: Purchased with State Game Funds in 1938.

Minerals: To be retained; high oil and gas value and currently under lease.

Comments: The desired parcel is very small and located between the applicant's
land and the county road. It is too small to be managed by the
Department, and does not hold public recreation value. A 0.11 acre
parcel to the north was disposed of in 1992.

The proposed land disposal was reviewed and recommended for
approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on
June 16, 2016.

Proceeds from the sale of this parcel will be deposited into the Land
Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF) – Game and Fish Subfund. The
LEFF allows the DNR to sell rights in land and deposit the proceeds in a
fund which can then be used to acquire replacement property.

Engagement: N/A

Recommendation: (1) That the land be sold to the adjacent landowner for \$1,000.00.
(2) That the proceeds of the sale of the land that was acquired by the State Game Fund be deposited into the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund – Game and Fish Subfund.
(3) That the state retain aboriginal antiquities.

Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
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James L. Dexter, Chief
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Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.

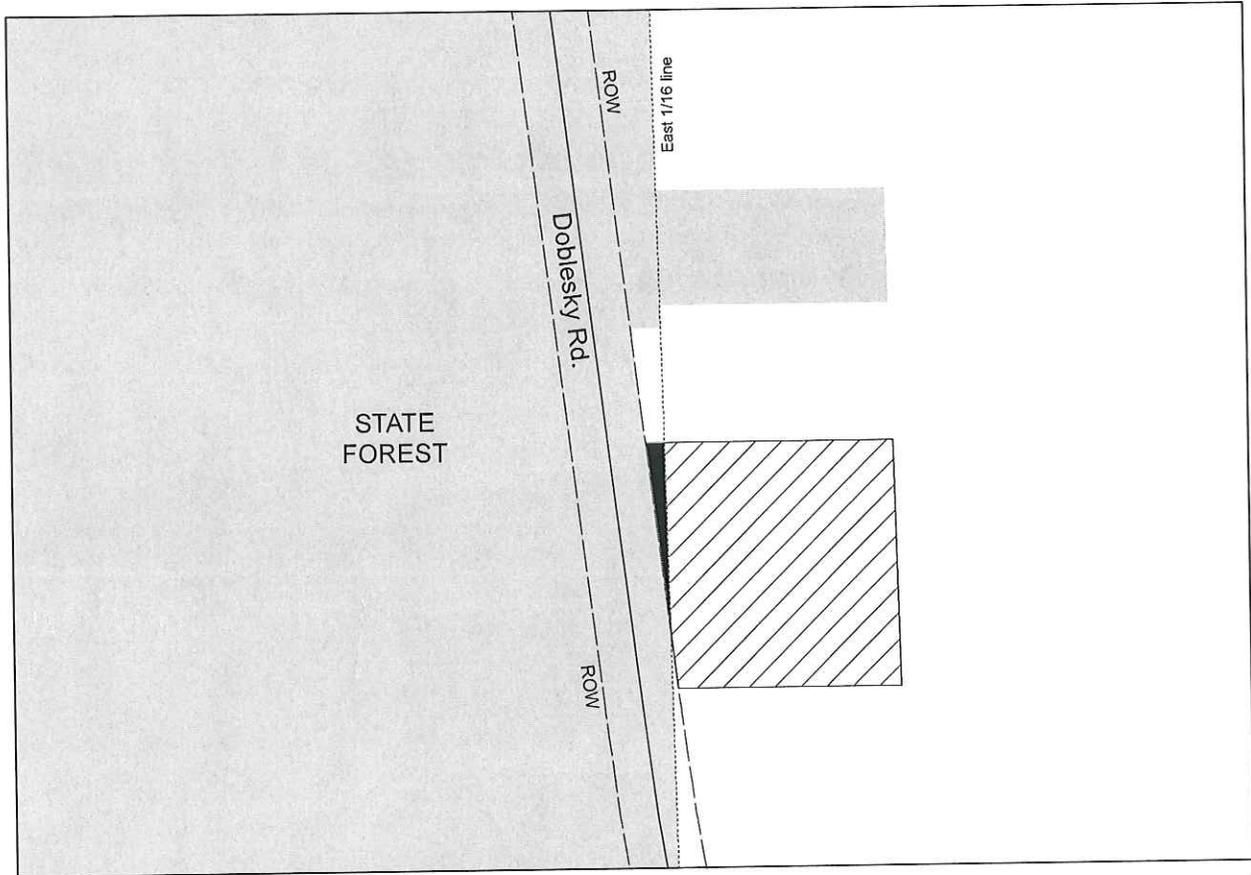
Keith Creagh
Director

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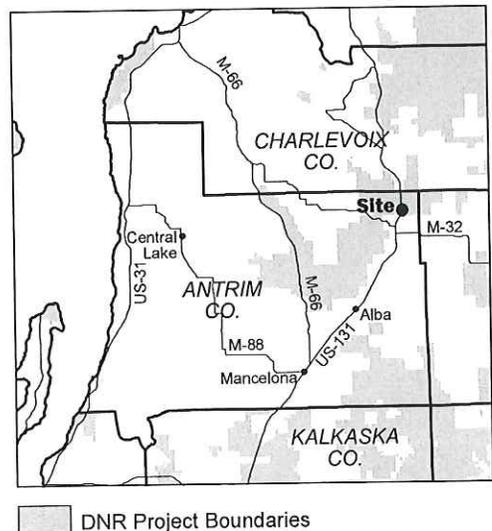
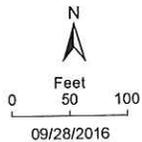
SALE OF SURPLUS DNR-MANAGED LAND

Gaylord Management Unit – Antrim County
Land Transaction Case # 20140225



Section 11, T31N, R05W, Warner Township

- Surplus DNR land to be sold (0.04 acre)
- Applicant's land
- State land
- Private land





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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

October 17, 2016

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Sale of Surplus DNR-Managed Land
Gaylord Management Unit – Cheboygan County
Land Transaction Case #20150031

Sale: 1.9± acres

Sale Price: \$2,900.00

Description: Cheboygan County, Beaugrand Township, T38N, R02W, Section 17:
A parcel of land in the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4; as more particularly
described in the case file.

PA 240 of 2012: This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in a
decrease of 1.9 acres of counted DNR-Managed lands.

Applicant: John Gartner, White Lake, 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) November 1, 2016, calendar, and is eligible for approval
on November 8, 2016. The transaction will also be posted in a local
newspaper as required by statute.

Acquired: By tax reversion in 1939.

Minerals: To be disposed.

Comments: Old Mackinaw Road was found to be approximately 139 feet south of the
section line, creating a gap in ownership between Mr. Gartner's property
and the road. The desired parcel will provide the applicant access to his
property and is surplus to the Department's needs.

The proposed land disposal was reviewed and recommended for
approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on
April 21, 2016.

Proceeds from the sale of this tax-reverted parcel will be deposited into
the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF). The LEFF allows the DNR
to sell rights in land and deposit the proceeds in a fund which can then
be used to acquire replacement property.

Engagement: N/A

Recommendation: (1) That the land be sold to the adjacent landowner for \$2,900.00.
(2) That the proceeds of the sale of the land that was acquired by tax-reversion be deposited into the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund.
(3) That the state retain aboriginal antiquities.



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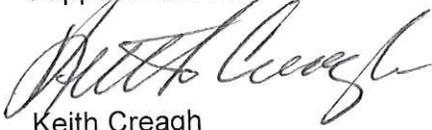


William E. Moritz, Ph.D.
Natural Resources Deputy



Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.



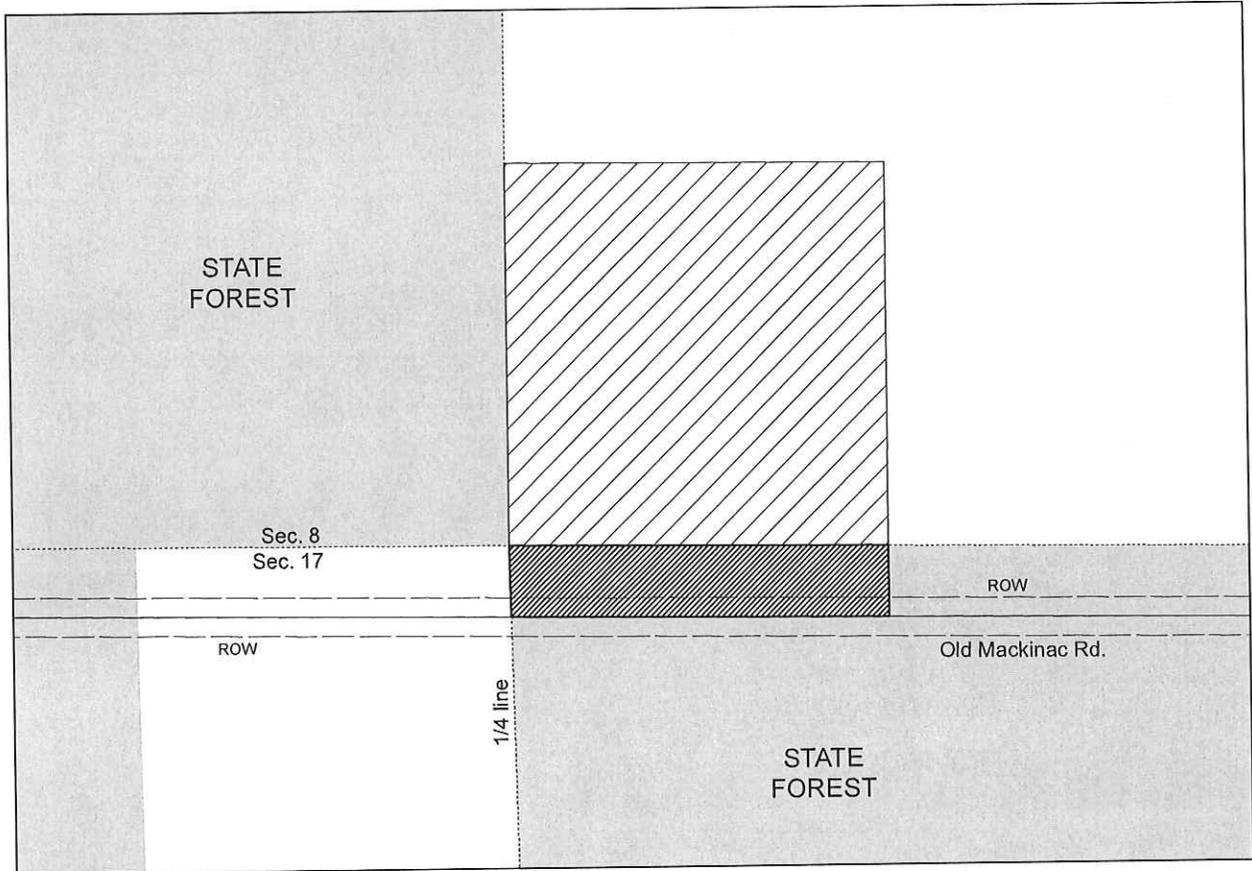
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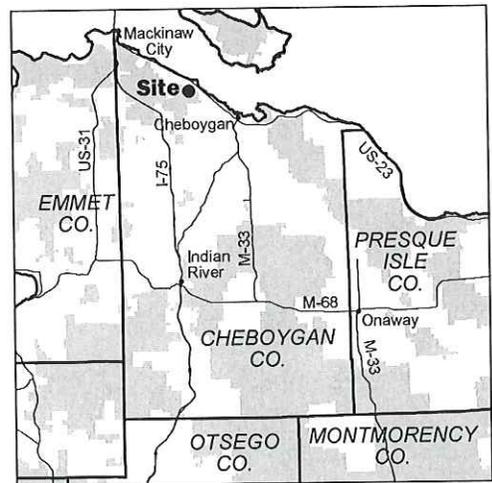
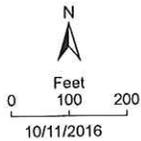
SALE OF SURPLUS DNR-MANAGED LAND

Gaylord Management Unit – Cheboygan County
Land Transaction Case #20150031



Section 17, T38N, R02W, Beaugrand Township

- Surplus DNR land to be sold (1.9 acres)
- Applicant's land
- State land
- Private land



DNR Project Boundaries

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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

October 17, 2016

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Sale of Surplus DNR-Managed Land
Musketawa Trail – Muskegon County
Land Transaction Case #20160087

Sale: 0.45 acre m/l

Sale Price: \$250.00

PA 240 of 2012: This parcel is south of the Mason-Arenac Line and will result in a decrease of 0.45 acre of excluded acres.

Descriptions: Muskegon County, Sullivan Township, T09N, R15W, Section 11:
As more completely described in the survey conducted by Robin Reed, PS34974, 12/10/2015, in the case file.

Applicant: Sullivan Township, Muskegon County, 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) November 1, 2016, calendar, and is eligible for approval on November 8, 2016.

Acquired: Purchased in 1991 with a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant.

Minerals: To be conveyed.

Comments: The applicant desires a strip of land, 0.45 acre in size, more or less, for public recreation purposes. The portion requested is in an area of the old depot and has been encroached on by an adjoining owner. The applicant will sign a Project Agreement that the property is for public outdoor recreation.

The proposed transaction was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on June 16, 2016.

The trail corridor was acquired in 2007, with funds from the MNRTF. Proceeds from the sale will be deposited in the MNRTF.

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- Recommendation: (1) That the sale of land be approved subject to the state retaining aboriginal antiquities.
- (2) That the proceeds of the sale be deposited in the MNRTF.

Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
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Forest Resources Division

James L. Dexter, Chief
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William E. Moritz, Ph.D.
Natural Resources Deputy

Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations

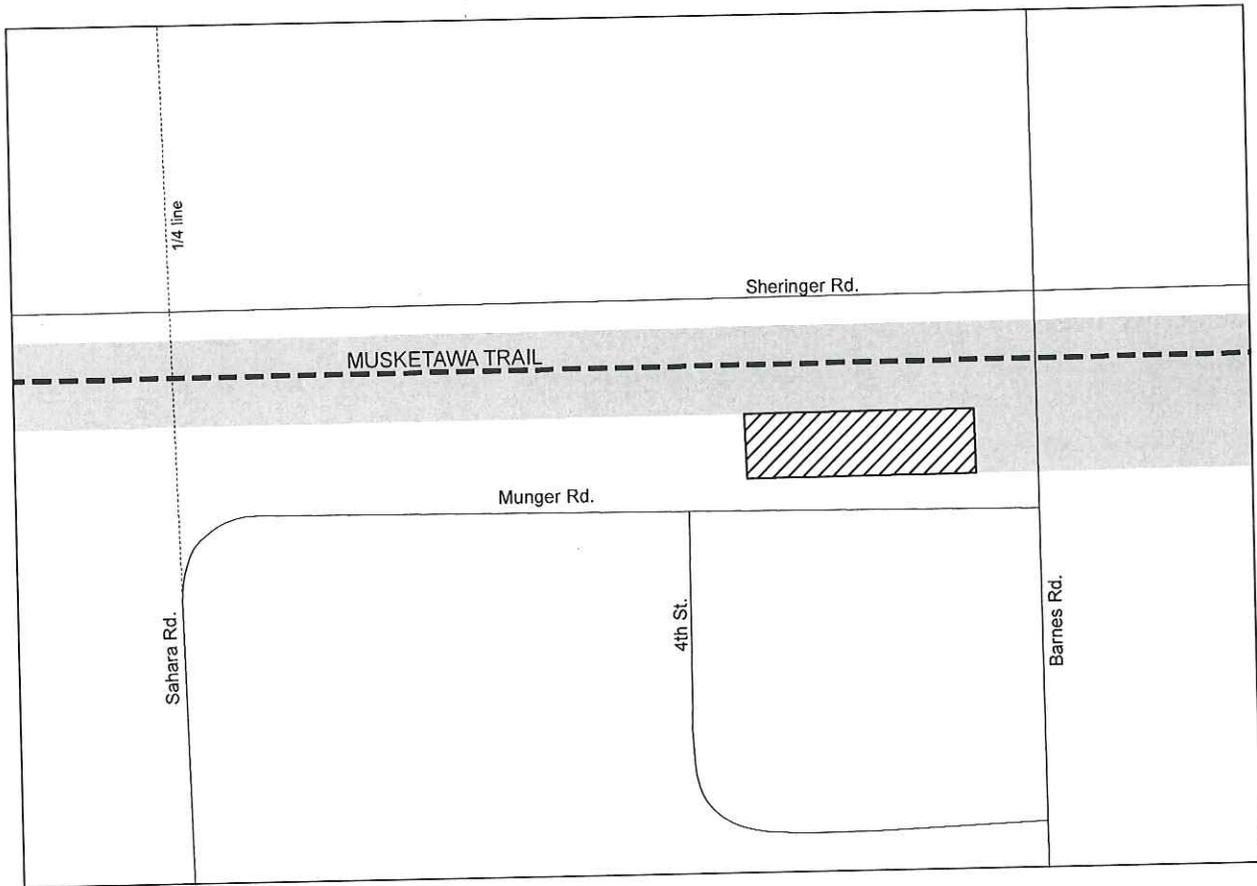
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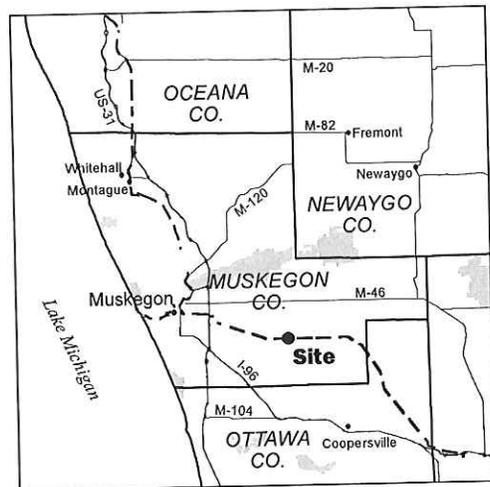
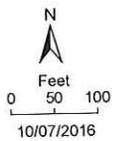
SALE OF SURPLUS DNR -MANAGED LAND

Musketawa Trail – Muskegon County
Land Transaction Case #20160087



Section 11, T09N, R15W, Sullivan Township

-  Surplus DNR land to be sold (0.45 acre)
-  State land
-  Private land



-  Designated railtrail
-  DNR Project Boundaries



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KIETH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

October 17, 2016

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Exchange
Gaylord Management Unit – Antrim County
Brighton Recreation Area, Rose Lake District – Livingston County
Boss Investment #2 Exchange
Land Transaction Case #20150085

Applicant: Dan Boss, Howell, Michigan.

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$260.00. The parcels involved in the exchange are north and south of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 65 counted acres.

Private Land Offered in Exchange: 65± acres
Location: Antrim County, Jordan Township, T31N, R06W, Section 31:
The S fractional 1/2 of the SW fractional 1/4, excluding a strip of land 100 feet in width being the abandoned railroad right-of-way.

Value: \$ 41,000.00
Payment at Closing: \$ 4,700.00

Total Compensation
To be Provided by
Applicant \$ 45,700.00

State Land Desired in Exchange: 2.44 acres
Location: Livingston County, Hamburg Township, T01N, R05E, Section 2:
Part of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, as more particularly described in the case file.

Value: \$ 45,000.00

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

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- Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) November 1, 2016, calendar, and is eligible for approval on November 8, 2016.
- Comments: The offered 65 acres is surrounded by state land on four sides and the excepted 100-foot wide corridor is a right-of-way already owned by the Department. It has good timber value and wildlife habitat and will assist in consolidating state ownership.
- The desired state lands were purchased in 1969 with State Park Revenue Bond. The parcel was declared surplus, recommended for disposal, and approved by the Director on June 6, 2014.
- The state will retain mineral rights on the desired parcel due to high oil and gas value and the applicant will convey the mineral rights associated with the offered parcel.
- The proposed land exchange was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on August 20, 2015.
- Engagement: Antrim County has given support to this exchange.
- Recommendation(s):
1. That the exchange be approved, with the state reserving mineral rights and aboriginal antiquities.
 2. That the offered land be dedicated as part of the Gaylord Management Unit.



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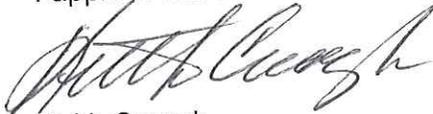


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Mark H. Hoffman
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I approve the staff recommendations.



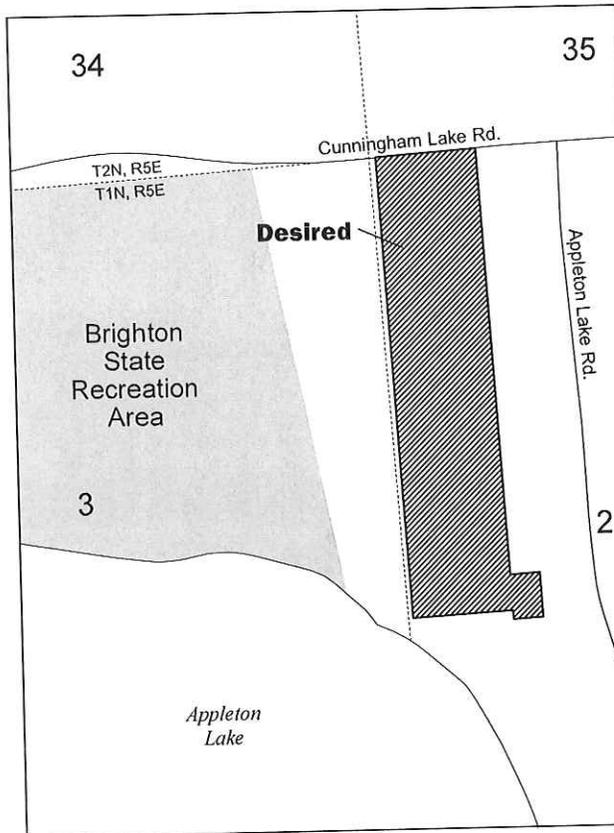
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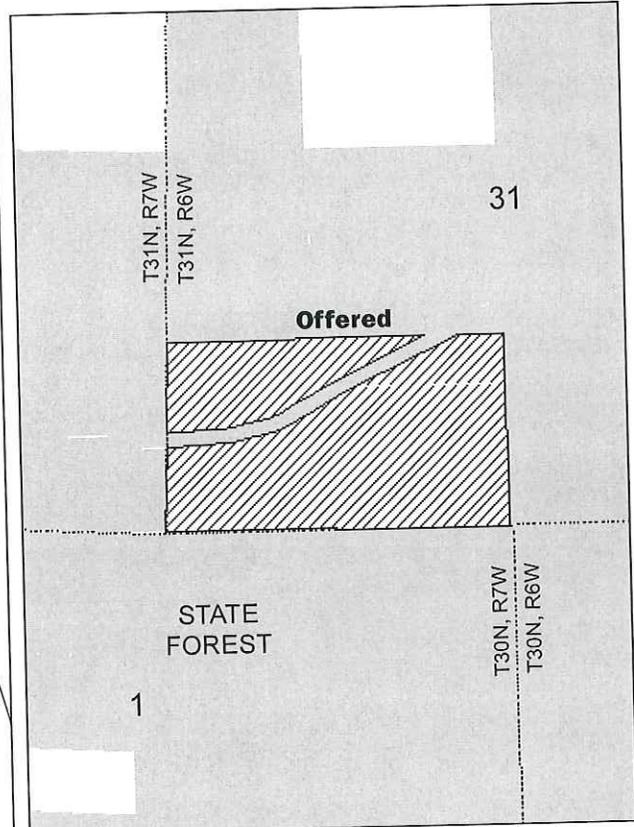
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STATE FOREST LAND EXCHANGE

Gaylord Management Unit – Antrim County
 Brighton Recreation Area – Livingston County
 Land Transaction Case #20150085



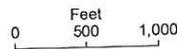
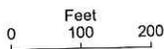
Section 2, T01N, R05E
 Hamburg Township, Livingston County



Section 31, T31N, R06W
 Jordan Township, Antrim County

 State land desired from DNR (2.44 acres)
 State land
 Private land

 Land offered to DNR in exchange (65 acres)
 State land
 Private land



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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

October 17, 2016

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Forest Resources Land Acquisition
Atlanta Management Unit – Montmorency County
Rack & Fin Club Parcel
Land Transaction Case #20160150

Purchase: 40± acres - \$85,000.00

Funding Source: Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF)

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$524.38
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 40 counted acres. There are no excluded acres as a part of this transaction.

Description: Montmorency County, Montmorency Township, T32N, R01E, Section 32:
The NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4.

Seller(s): Rack & Fin Club, Inc., East Lansing, 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) November 1, 2016, calendar, and is eligible for approval on November 8, 2016.

Management Purpose: Provide for working forest activities, enhanced wildlife habitat management, recreational opportunities, and consolidation of state ownership.

Comments: The offered property is surrounded by state land on four sides. It is located in the core elk range and is a critical parcel for elk habitat and management. It also provides for significant management efficiencies, timber management, public recreational opportunities, and consolidates state ownership. The property is improved with a small cabin.

Acquisition of this parcel will contribute to the Department's goal of consolidating state ownership, securing wildlife habitat, enhancing forest management, and increasing public recreation opportunities.

The seller will convey mineral rights relative to this land.

Engagement: Montmorency County and Montmorency Township have no objections to this acquisition.

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 Atlanta Management Unit.



Russ Mason, Ph.D., Chief
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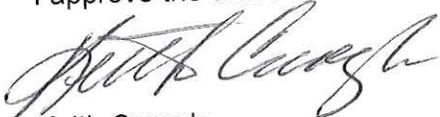


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Natural Resources Deputy



Mark H. Hoffman
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations.



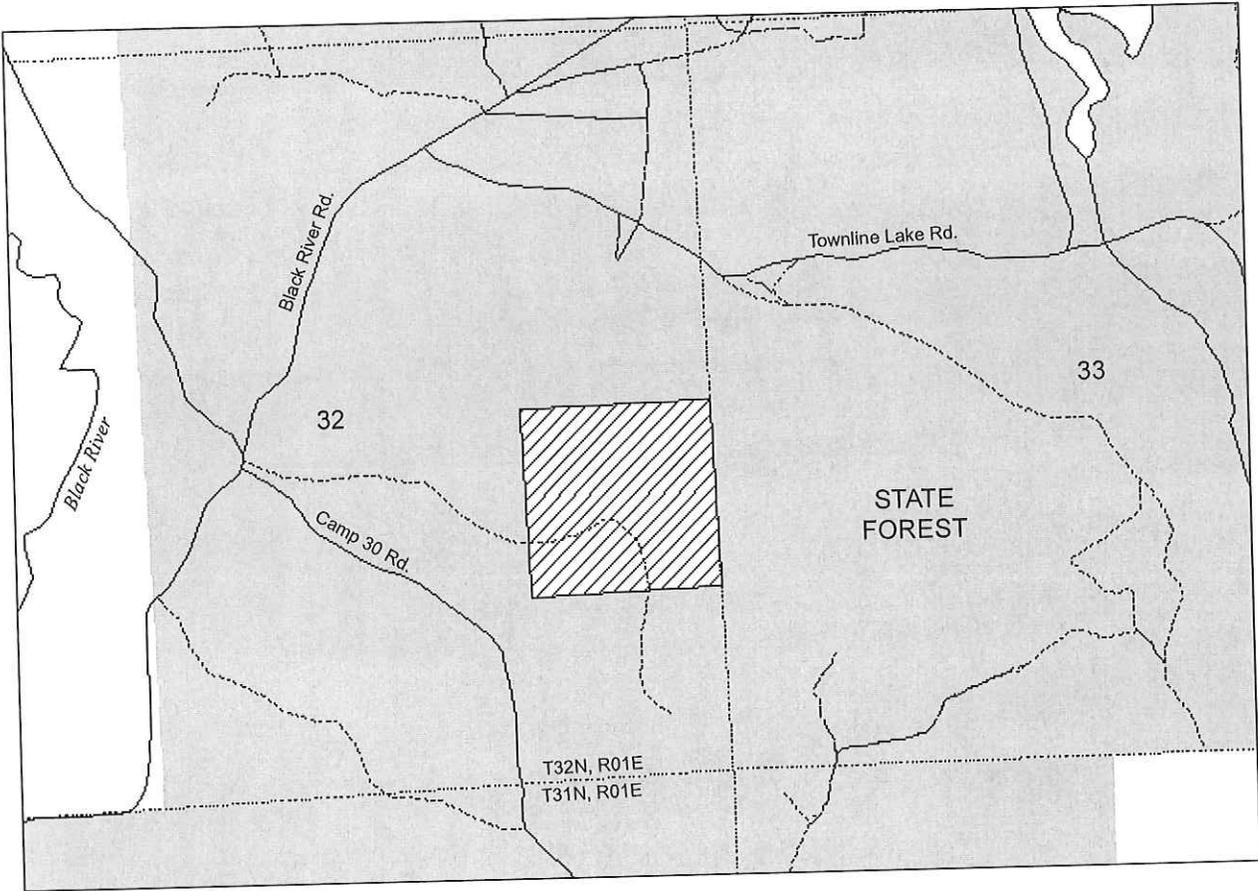
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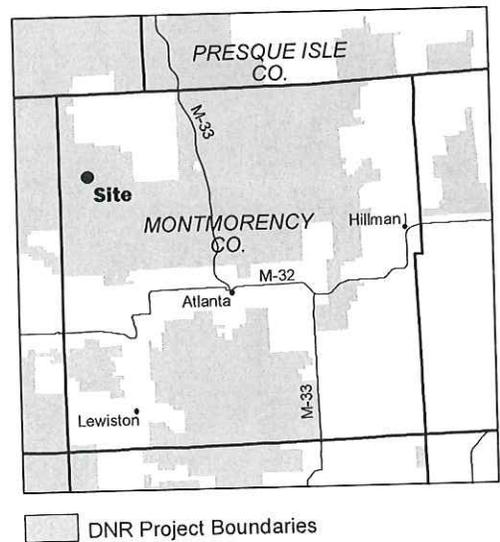
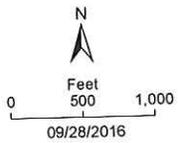
FOREST RESOURCES LAND ACQUISITION

Atlanta Management Unit – Montmorency County
Land Transaction Case # 20160150



Section 32, T32N, R01E, Montmorency Township

- Land to be acquired by DNR (40 acres)
- State land
- Private land





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KEITH CREAGH
DIRECTOR

October 17, 2016

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Forest Resources Land Acquisition
Gaylord Management Unit – Cheboygan County
Detroit & Mackinaw Railway – Stoney Creek Parcel
Land Transaction Case #20160151

Purchase: 40± acres - \$39,000.00

Funding Source: Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF)

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$323.76
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 40 counted acres. There are no excluded acres as a part of this transaction.

Description: Cheboygan County, Waverly Township, T35N, R01W, Section 26:
The NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4.

Seller(s): Detroit & Mackinaw Railway; also known as Straits Corporation,
Bay City, 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) November 1, 2016, calendar, and is eligible for approval on November 8, 2016.

Management Purpose: Provide for working forest activities, recreational use of the Shore-to-Shore Equestrian Trail and the Midland to Mackinaw Trail, enhanced wildlife habitat management and consolidation of state ownership.

Comments: The offered property is surrounded by state land on four sides. It is a combination of upland aspen and hardwood and lowland shrub. Through this property runs the Shore-to-Shore Equestrian Trail and the Midland to Mackinaw Trail. There are no substantial improvements on this vacant parcel of land.

Acquisition of this parcel will contribute to the Department's goal of consolidating state ownership, securing wildlife habitat, enhancing forest management, and increasing public recreation opportunities.

The seller will convey mineral rights relative to this land.

Engagement: Cheboygan County and Waverly Township have no objections to this acquisition.

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 Gaylord Management Unit.



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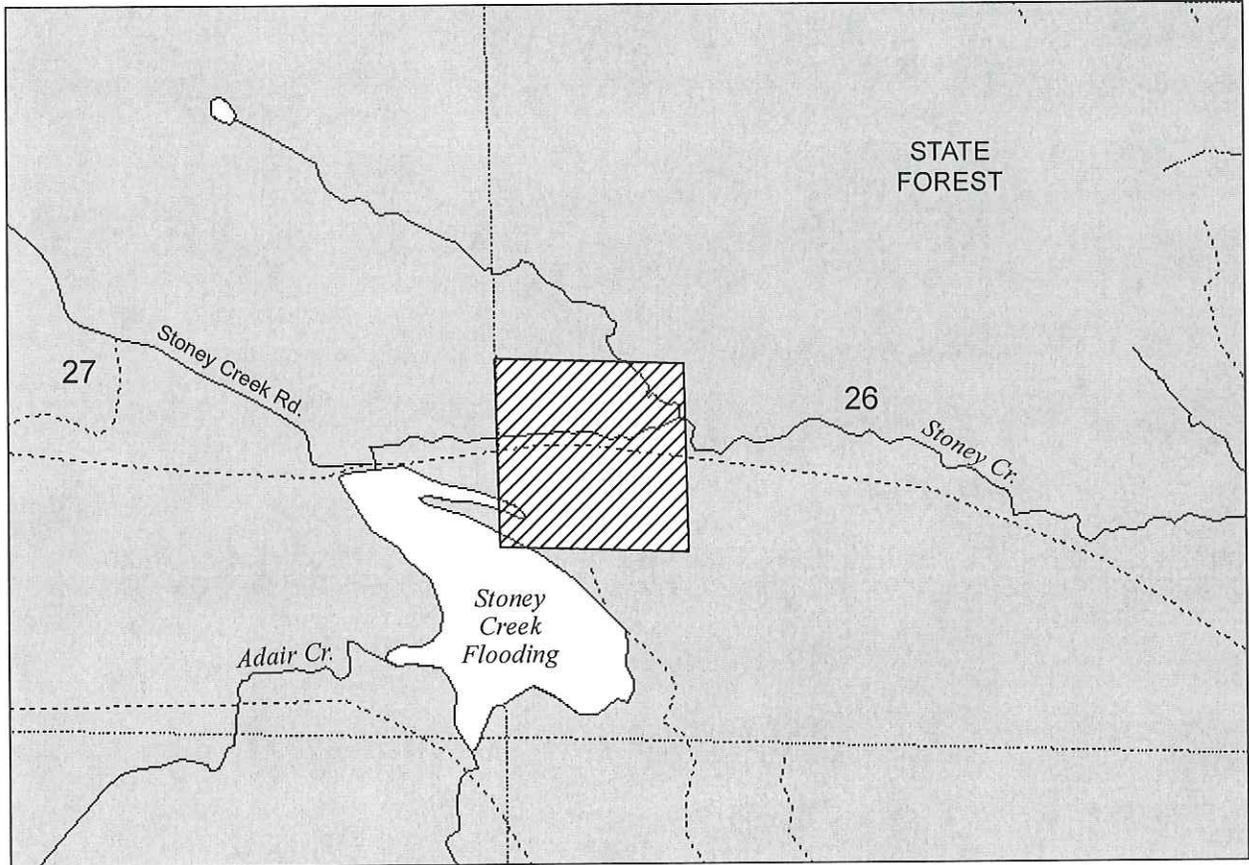


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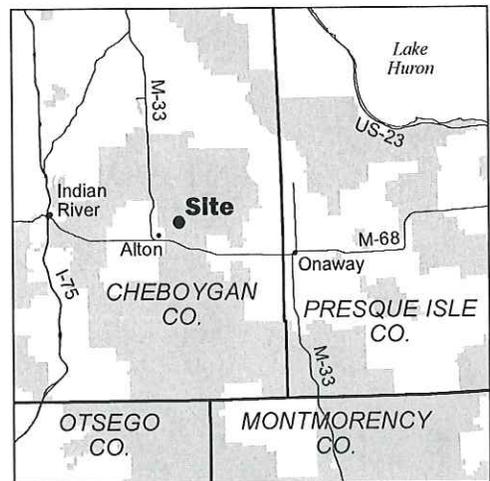
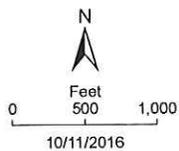
Gaylord Management Unit – Cheboygan County

Land Transaction Case #20160151



Section 26, T35N, R01W, Waverly Township

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-  State land
-  Private land



 DNR Project Boundaries