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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
LANSING



DANIEL EICHINGER  
DIRECTOR

November 16, 2020

TO: Daniel Eichinger, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Trail Easements Acquisition  
Western Upper Peninsula District - Ontonagon County  
Land Transaction Case #20180150

Purchase: 40.95 acres (11.26 miles x 30' of permanent trail rights) - \$153,000

Funding Source: Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund – PA 165 of 2018 [TF17-0203]

PA 240 of 2018: Not applicable

Description: **Ontonagon County**  
Greenland Township  
T51N, R38W, Sections 14, 22, 26 and 27  
Ontonagon Township  
T50N, R41W, Section 26; and T51N, R39W, Section 15  
Rockland Township  
T50N, R39W, Sections 22, 29 and 30; and T50N, R40W, Sections 27-29  
All descriptions are more accurately described in the case file.

Seller: Lyme Timber LLC, Escanaba, 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 MI-TRALE ORV Club, as well as North Country and Superior Snowmobile Clubs.

Comments: The offered Lyme Timber LLC recreational trail easements are in Ontonagon County in the Western Upper Peninsula. This acquisition encompasses 40.95 acres and 11.26 miles x 30-feet of permanent trail rights. The offered easements will permanently secure trail access and connect trails on public lands in perpetuity.

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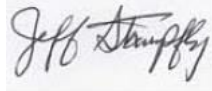
The desired easements were to be sold by Weyerhaeuser at the time of appropriation. Weyerhaeuser sold their lands to Lyme Timber LLC in late 2019.

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 Natural Resources Trust Fund [TF17-0203] Weyerhaeuser Multi-Use Trail Easement as contained in Act 165 of 2018.
  2. That the land be dedicated for public use as recreational trails and administered by the Parks and Recreation Division, Trails Section.



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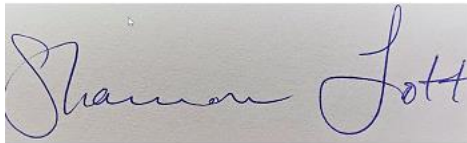
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I approve the staff recommendations.



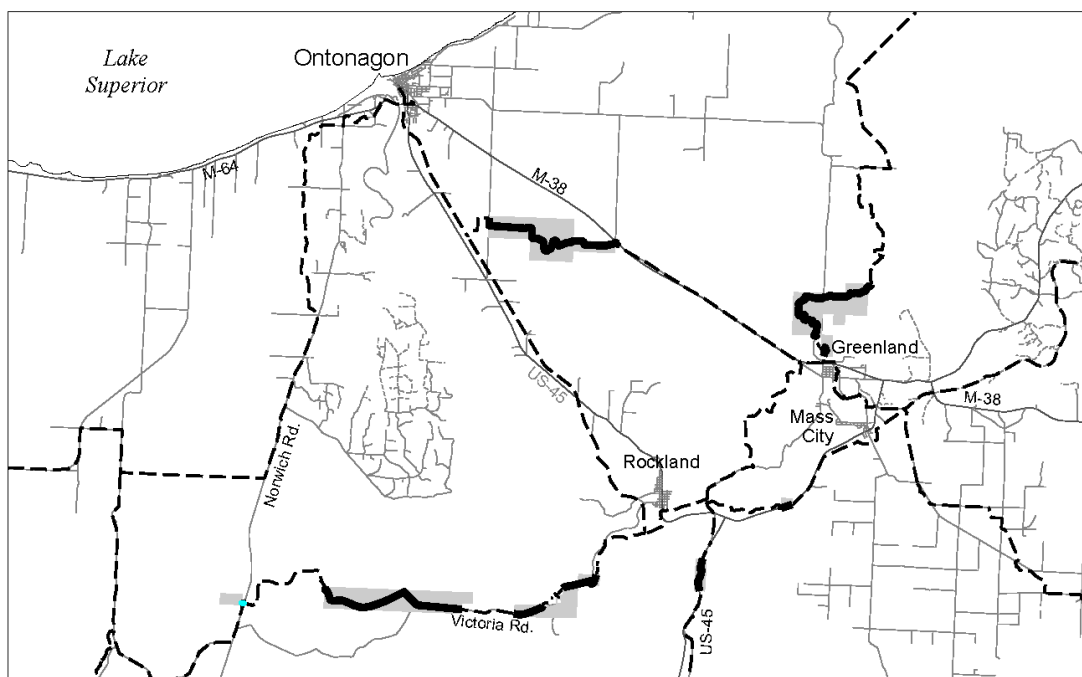
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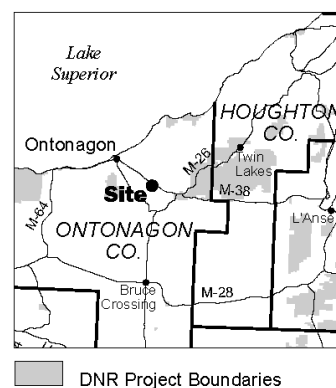
## STATE TRAIL EASEMENTS ACQUISITION

Western Upper Peninsula District - Ontonagon County  
Land Transaction Case #20180150



Townships of Ontonagon, Greenland and Rockland

- Easements to be acquired by DNR
- Applicant's land
- - Designated snowmobile trails





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INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Sale of Restrictive Covenant on DNR-Managed Land  
Traverse City Management Unit – Kalkaska County  
Land Transaction Case #20190257

Sale: 0.62-acre

Sale Price: \$1,000.00

Description: Kalkaska County, Blue Lake Township, T28N, R05W, Section 12:  
A restrictive covenant, as fully described in the case file, to be placed  
on a 0.62-acre parcel in the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4

PA 240 of 2018: This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in  
no net loss of DNR-managed lands.

Applicant: BP America Production Company, Naperville, Illinois

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.

Acquired: By tax reversion in 1929.

Minerals: No mineral rights will be considered with this sale of land rights.

Comments: The restrictive covenant is desired over a portion of state-owned land  
that was the former site of a gas sweetening facility built in the late  
1970s. Soils at this site became contaminated with petroleum  
hydrocarbon. Remedial actions have been conducted over many years  
and a restrictive covenant is needed to ensure current and future public  
safety.

In general terms, the restrictive covenant will prohibit groundwater use,  
future building construction, and excavation and intrusive activity at the  
site location.

The proposed land rights disposal was recommended for approval by  
the Land Exchange Review Committee on May 15, 2020.

Proceeds will be deposited into the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF). The LEFF allows the Department to sell rights in land and deposit the proceeds in a fund which can then be used to acquire replacement property.

- Recommendations:
1. That the restrictive covenant be sold to the applicant for \$1,000.00.
  2. That the proceeds of the sale be deposited in the LEFF.



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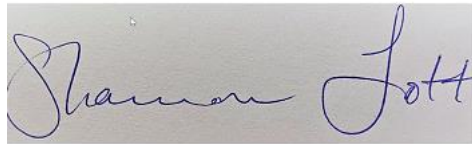
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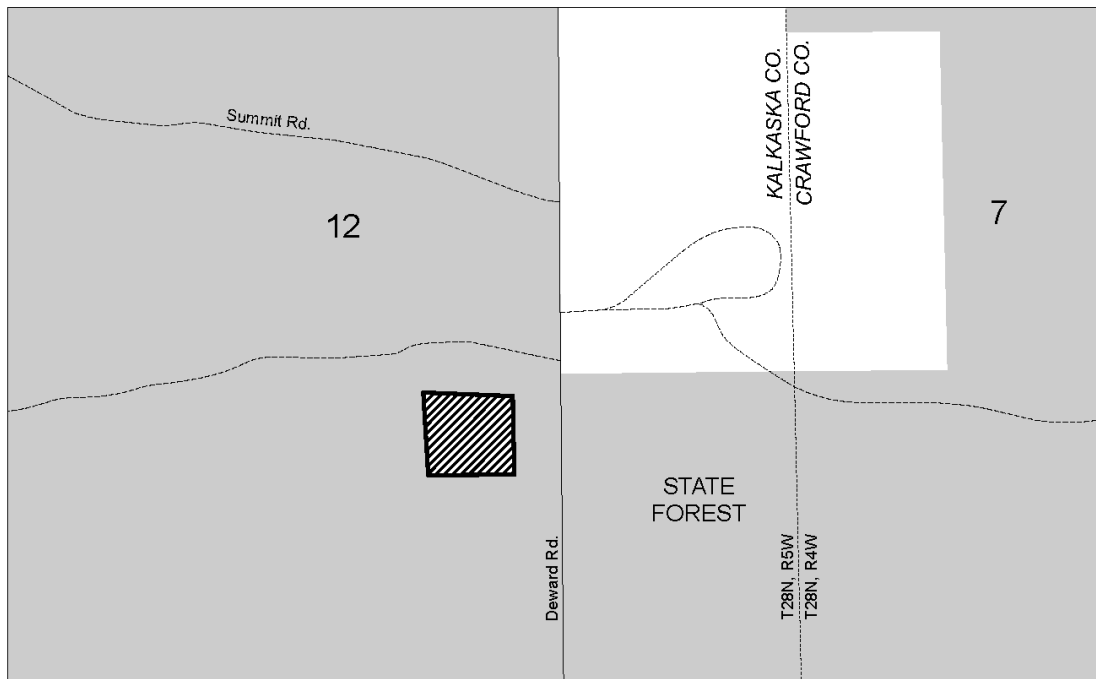
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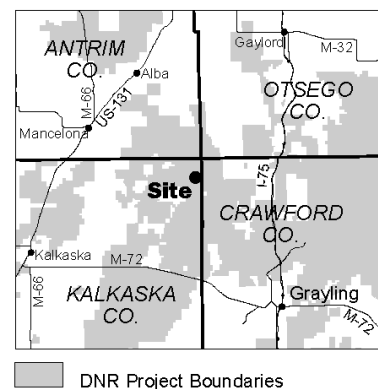
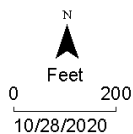
## RESTRICTIVE COVENANT ON DNR-MANAGED LAND

Traverse City Management Unit - Kalkaska County  
Land Transaction Case #20190257



Section 12, T28N, R05W, Blue Lake Township

-  Restrictive covenant on DNR land (0.62 acres)
-  State land
-  Private land





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TO: Daniel Eichinger, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Sale of Surplus DNR-Managed Land  
Gaylord Management Unit – Charlevoix County  
Land Transaction Case #20200091

Sale: 5 acres

Sale Price: \$12,000.00

Description: Charlevoix County, Melrose Township, T33N, R05W, Section 09:  
All that part of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 lying west of the centerline of  
River Road, subject to the railroad right-of-way.

PA 240 of 2018: This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac county line and will result in a  
decrease of 5 acres of DNR-managed lands.

Applicant: Frank Balogh, Boyne Falls, 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.

Acquired: By purchase with State Game Funds in 1956.

Minerals: Mineral rights will be conveyed.

Comments: The desired parcel was requested to resolve a trespass on state-owned  
land. The parcel provides minimal value for forest or wildlife management.

The proposed land disposal was recommended for approval as surplus by  
the Land Exchange Review Committee on August 20, 2020.

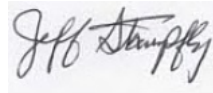
Proceeds will be deposited into the Game and Fish Sub-fund of the Land  
Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF). The LEFF allows the Department to  
sell rights in land and deposit the proceeds in a fund which can then be  
used to acquire replacement property.



- Recommendations:
1. That the land be sold to the applicant for \$12,000.00.
  2. That the proceeds of the sale be deposited in the Game and Fish Sub-Fund of the LEFF.
  3. That the state retain aboriginal antiquities.



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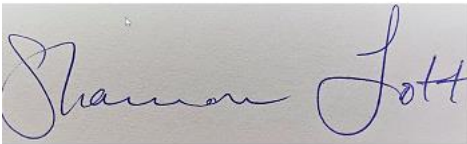
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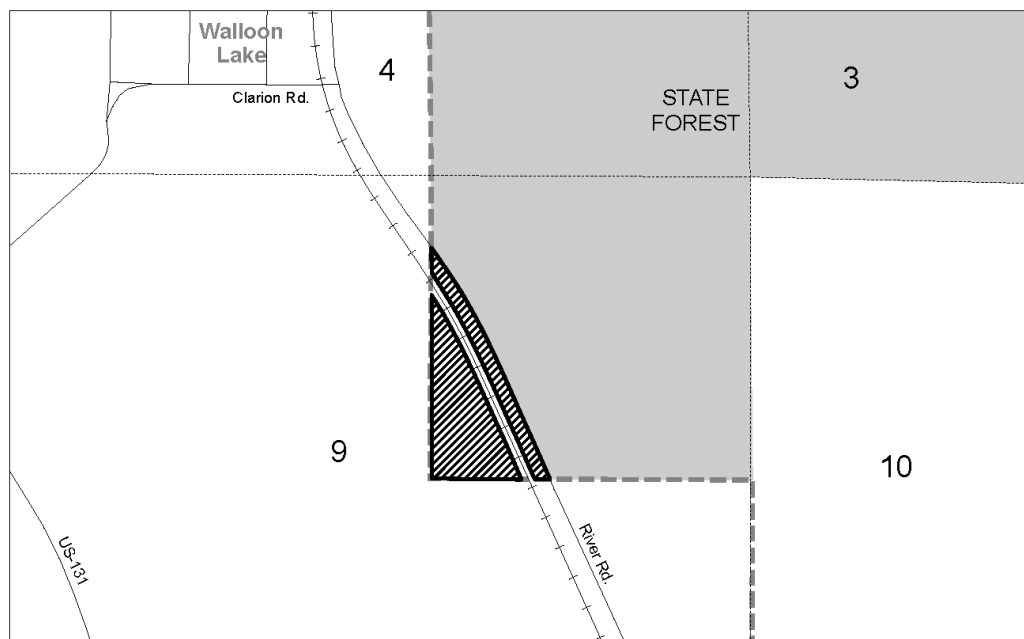
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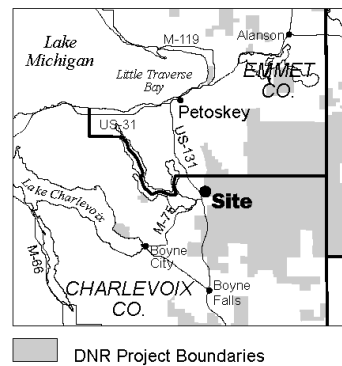
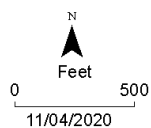
## SALE OF SURPLUS DNR-MANAGED LAND

Gaylord Management Unit - Charlevoix County  
Land Transaction Case #20200091



Section 9, T33N, R05W, Melrose Township

-  Surplus DNR land to be sold (5 acres, more or less)
-  State land
-  Private land
-  DNR Project Boundary





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TO: Daniel Eichinger, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: Release of Deed Restriction on DNR-Conveyed Land  
Charlevoix County Management Unit – Charlevoix County  
Land Transaction Case #20200144

Sale: 2.62 acres - Release of Deed Restriction

Sale Price: \$2,500.00

Description: Charlevoix County, St. James Township, T39N, R10W, Section 23:  
Part of Government Lot 5 described as beginning at a point on the East line thereof 200 feet distant and North of the Southeast corner of said Government Lot 5, said Southeast corner being the quarter corner common to Sections 23 and 26, T39N, R10W; thence continuing on said East line of said Government Lot 5 a distance of 15 feet; thence West 900 feet, more or less, to the centerline of the County Road; thence Southeasterly 15 feet more or less to a point 200 feet North of and parallel to South line of said Government Lot 5; thence East 900 feet more or less on a line 200 feet North of and parallel to South line of said Government Lot 5 to the point of beginning; AND the North 100 feet of that part of Government Lot 5 commencing at the Southwest corner; thence East to Southeast corner of said Lot 5; North 200 feet more or less to land once owned by E. Larsen; West to shore of Beaver Harbor; Southerly along said shore of Beaver Harbor 200 feet to beginning.

PA 240 of 2018: The property is north of the Mason-Arenac county line. This transaction will not change the number of acres of counted DNR-managed lands because the surface rights are owned by the applicant.

Applicant: St. James Township, Beaver Island, 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.

Acquired: The property was acquired by exchange in 1944 (2.31 acres) and by purchase (0.31-acre) in 1963 with State Game Funds. The property was deeded to St. James Township in 2012 as part of a land exchange for Whiskey Island (96.45 acres) and \$500.00 for the purchased 0.31-acre.

The deed to the township contains a restriction that the lands must remain open to the public into perpetuity.

Minerals: To be retained.

Comments: Due to high-water levels, the township plans on selling the portion of the property located along the waterfront to the adjacent property owners in order to provide shoreline protection in the area. The township does not have the resources to make erosion abatement improvements.

The deed restriction was intended to provide public access and a boat launch to the harbor area, but the water levels make a boat launch infeasible and public access is limited. The township has recently been gifted a boat launch and marina complex just north of the property and there is a conservation easement on the gifted parcel that requires it to remain open for public use and harbor access in perpetuity.

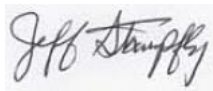
The proposed land disposal was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Land Exchange Review Committee on October 15, 2020.

Recommendations:

1. That the deed restriction on the land conveyed to the applicant in 2012 be removed.
2. That the state retain mineral rights and aboriginal antiquities.
3. That the proceeds are deposited into the Land Exchange Facilitation Fund (LEFF).



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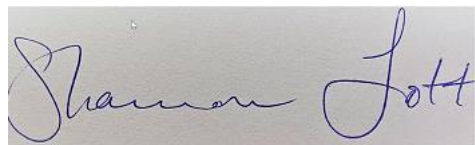
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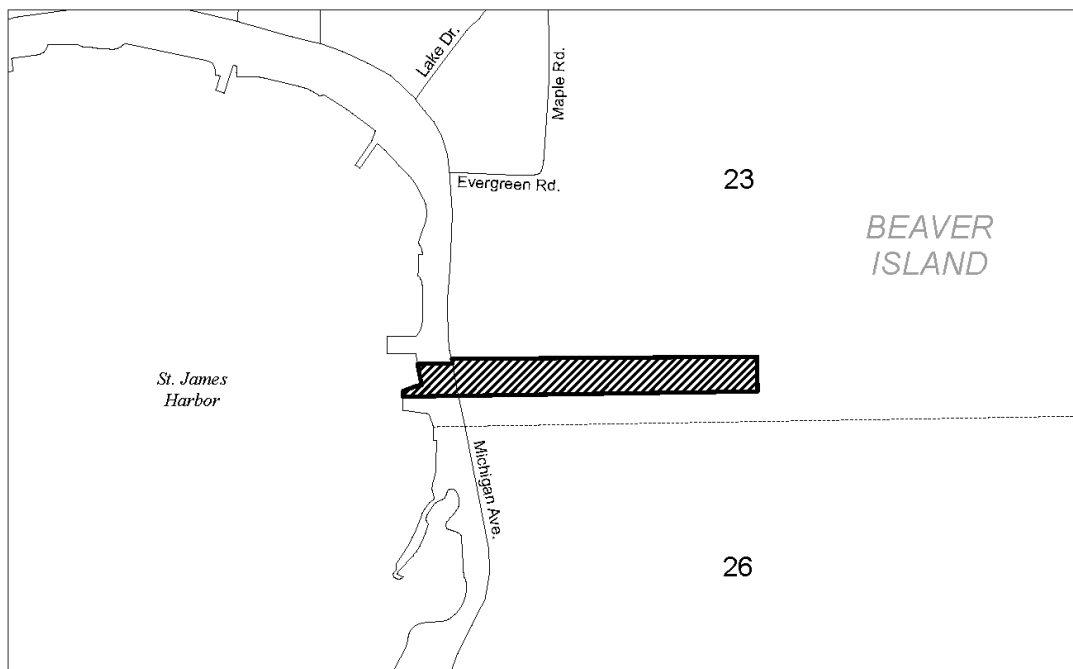
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
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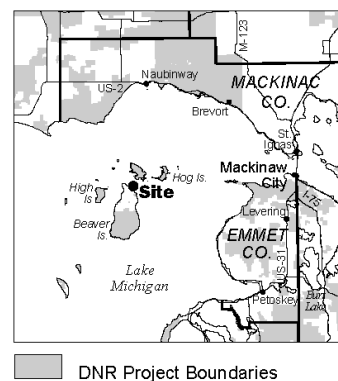
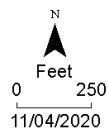
## RELEASE OF DEED RESTRICTION ON DNR CONVEYED LAND

Gaylord Management Unit - Charlevoix County  
Land Transaction Case #20200144



Section 23, T39N, R10W, St. James Township

-  Deed restriction to be released (2.62 acres)
-  Private land





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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.

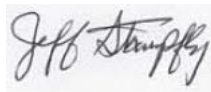
This acquisition will contribute to achieving Department and division goals and strategies by providing additional public recreation opportunities and securing trails for future generations.

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.



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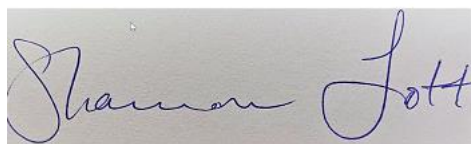
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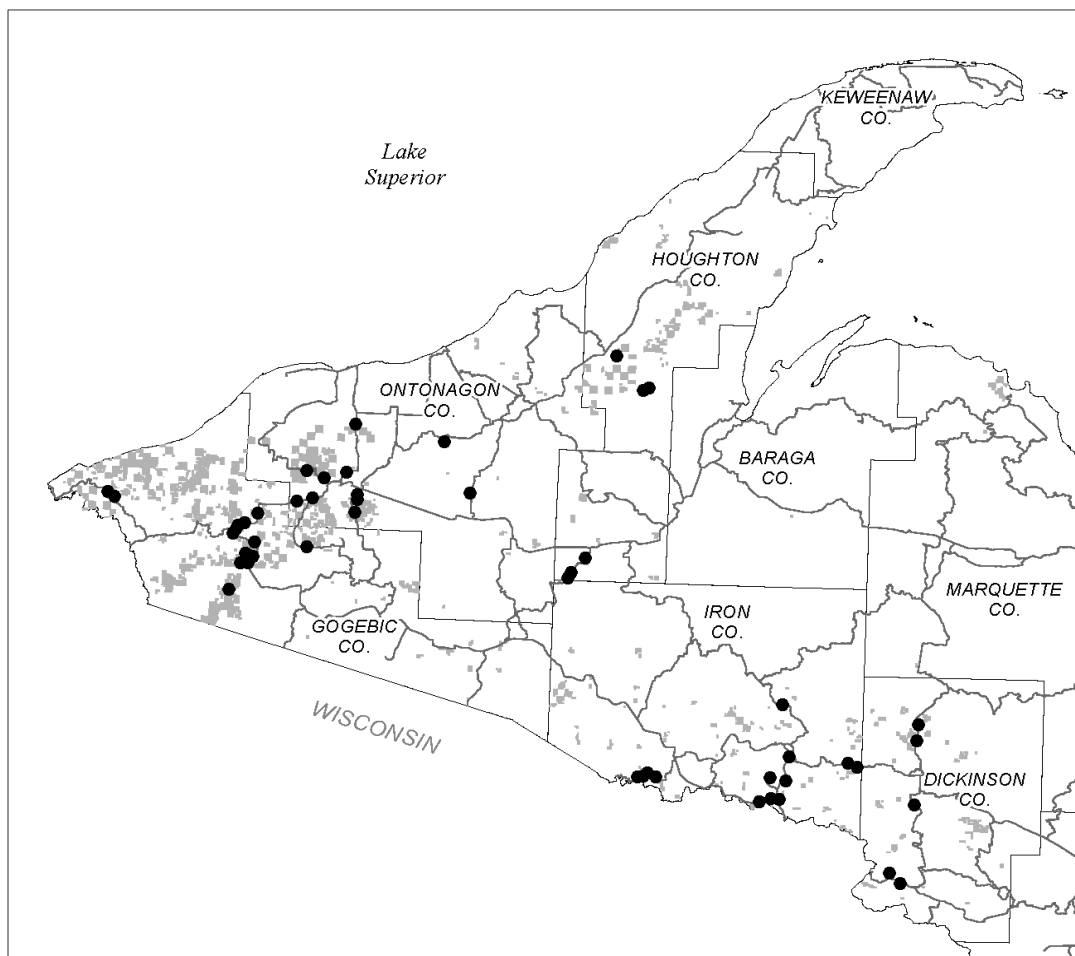


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Director

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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

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TO: Daniel Eichinger, Director

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Project Boundary Dedication and Transfers in Jurisdiction Between Divisions

Issue Summary:

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff reviewed DNR project boundaries dedicated in 2004 to make necessary changes and eliminate private inholding to accurately reflect current priorities for DNR ownership. Project boundaries were also evaluated to determine if the lead land administrating division was still appropriate. Approvals of the revised boundaries and transfers of jurisdiction are requested by the Director.

Discussion and Background:

The DNR manages about 4.6 million acres of state lands, much of it contained in specific "project areas." DNR project areas are consolidated blocks of state land with designations as State Forests, State Game Areas, State Parks, State Recreation Areas, and State Wildlife Areas. These areas may be large, sprawling ownerships spanning multiple counties as in the case of state forests or relatively small parcels such as in some State Game Areas or State Parks. How project areas are structured may vary north to south and by project designation. Dedicated project boundaries serve to delineate these "project areas" from the larger matrix of private or in some cases federal land ownerships. These boundary lines are used largely for internal planning purposes and include current state-owned land and privately owned land that would be a priority for the state to acquire in the future if it becomes available for sale. The consolidation of state-owned land within the project boundaries results in larger blocks of state ownership, better wildlife habitat, fewer trespass and encroachment issues, more efficient land management, and increased opportunities for public recreational use that is not possible with a fragmented ownership pattern. Land consolidation is the highest priority for DNR project boundaries. The dedicated project boundaries also offer the opportunity for the DNR to illustrate areas that are a priority to have in public ownership and communicate that out to the public and stakeholders. It is important to note that the DNR also manages lands on behalf of the public that are located outside of the dedicated boundaries such as trails, developed boating access sites, fish hatcheries, and facilities. DNR may consider acquiring land that is located outside of the dedicated project boundaries in certain situations.

Periodically reviewing and adjusting these project boundary lines helps to ensure that the dedicated project boundaries reflect the most accurate and current public land ownership priorities and needs, such as is the case with the 2020 boundary review. The 2013 Managed Public Land Strategy called for the privately-owned lands within the project boundaries to be reduced by 1 million acres. The plan also noted, however, that some project boundaries may expand in certain areas to reflect priority acquisitions. As private lands within the DNR project boundaries are developed or subdivided, many parcels are no longer a priority for the DNR to acquire, so eliminating them from the project boundaries results in more focused project

boundaries that contain fewer acres of privately-owned land. More focused project boundaries assist the DNR in being more strategic when it comes to high priority acquisitions.

Process:

The DNR utilized a comprehensive multi-level, multi-divisional approach to conduct a review of the 2004 dedicated project boundaries and proposed modifications. A web-based application was developed to facilitate the review. DNR staff at the local level in each of the resource managing divisions used this application to make the initial recommended modifications to the project boundaries. These proposed changes were then reviewed by staff in each of the resource managing divisions at the regional level for consistency across the region and to ensure that the guidance provided for the review was adhered to. After the completion of the regional review, all recommendations statewide were then reviewed for consistency by a small group that included statewide staff from each of the resource managing divisions and staff from the Executive Division. Finally, all recommendations were reviewed by the Chiefs of each resource managing division. The proposed project boundary modifications were then made available for public review and comment. Anticipated minor changes in project boundaries and acreage based on public comment will be incorporated into the website link below, under Recommendations. Acreage of land managed by the DNR is dynamic due to ongoing land transactions and represents a snapshot in time.

While project boundaries were reviewed, DNR-administered land was also evaluated to determine if the division currently administering the property was still the most appropriate division to administer that land.

Outcome/Results:

The proposed 2020 project boundaries contain a total of 5,502,300 acres. When compared to the 2004 project boundary acres of 6,569,500 acres, a total of 1,067,200 acres were removed. See the following tables:

**Post-Review Project Boundary Metrics**

Proposed 2020 boundary		2004 Data (for comparison)	
Division	DNR Acreage within Project Boundary	Division	DNR Acreage within Project Boundary
FRD	3,917,300	FRD	3,926,800
WLD	390,600	WLD	348,600
PRD	301,200	PRD	295,700
FSH	4,200	FSH	4,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,613,300</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,575,300</b>

Division	Non-DNR Acreage within Project Boundary
FRD	1,659,600
WLD	241,500
PRD	93,100
FSH	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,994,200</b>

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During the review process, a large parcel of land (Black River Ranch) became available adjacent to the Pigeon River Country State Forest. This parcel is currently included within the project boundaries based on that intended acquisition. Additionally, the boundary will include recent major land acquisitions adjacent to the forest and minor changes to have the boundary coincide with easily identifiable features such as rivers or roads.

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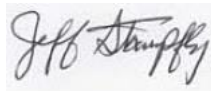
This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) December 1, 2020 calendar and is eligible for approval on December 8, 2020.

Recommendations:

1. That the proposed 2020 project boundaries be dedicated as shown on the website (link below): [https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79136\\_79262\\_80435---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-350-79136_79262_80435---,00.html)
2. That the proposed transfers of jurisdiction between divisions be approved and adopted.



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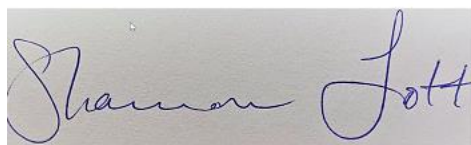
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I approve the staff recommendations.



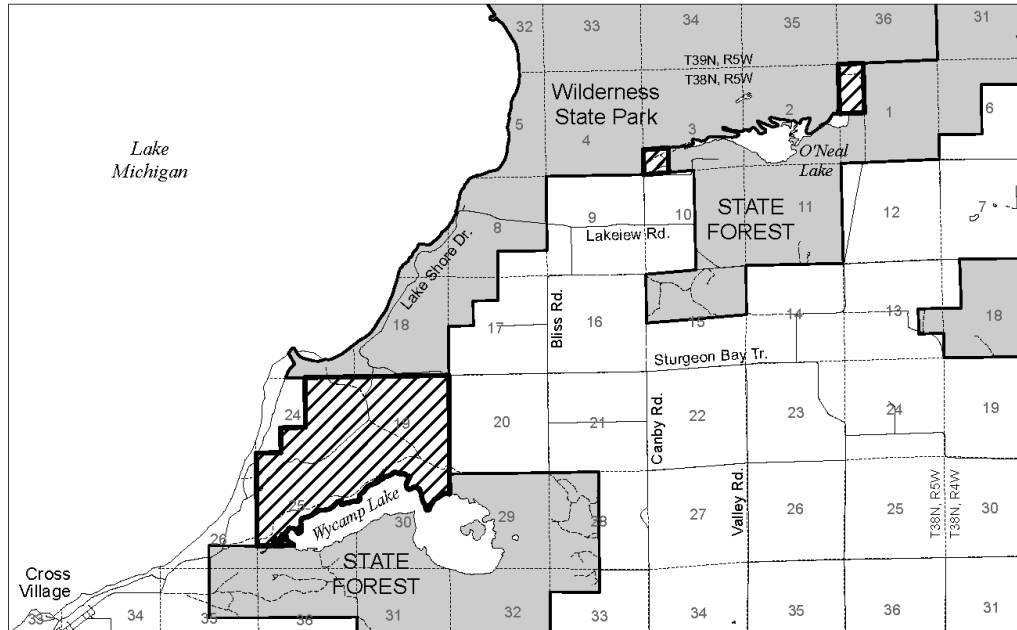
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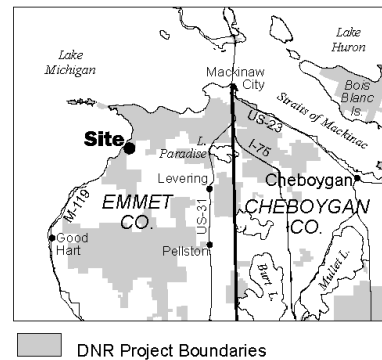
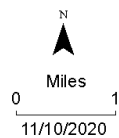
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# TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION Wilderness State Park - Emmet County From Forest Resources Division to Parks and Recreation Division

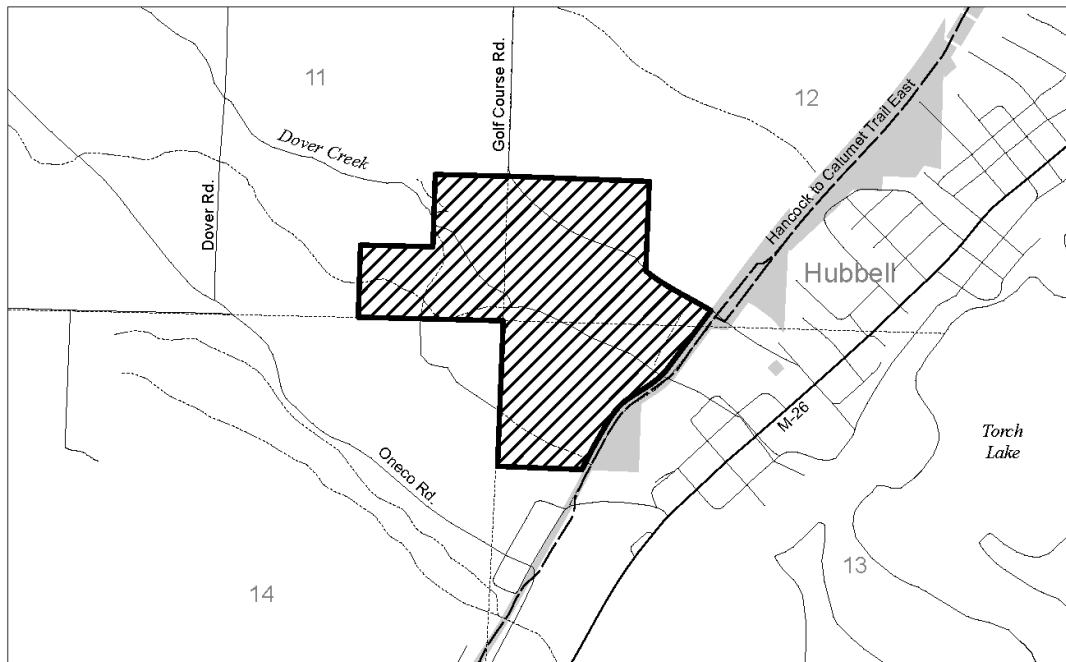


DNR land to be transferred (1,525 acres)  
 State land  
 Existing DNR Project Boundary



## TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION

Hungarian Falls Site - Houghton County  
From Forest Resources Division to Parks and Recreation Division



/// DNR land to be transferred (116 acres)  
■ State land

