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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
LANSING



KEITH CREAGH  
DIRECTOR

October 18, 2012

Mr. Peter Vilemure  
McMillan Township Treasurer  
13118 County Road 407  
Newberry, MI 49868-7675

Dear Treasurer:

Subject: Notice of Estimated Payments in Lieu of Taxes  
DNR Land Transaction #20120049

In accordance with Public Act Numbers 240 and 294 of 2012, this notice is being provided to you as the Treasurer of the local taxing unit where the Department of Natural Resources is acquiring new public land. These Public Acts require the Department to estimate the amount of annual payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) on public lands that it is acquiring, and to provide that information to you at least 30 days before the acquisition. Please note that these are only estimates. The Department does not have the authority to determine the valuation of real property for the purposes of the annual PILT payments. Per MCL 324.2153 this authority lies with the State Tax Commission.

The following is a breakdown of the Department's estimate of annual PILT payments for public lands where Act 451 of 1994, Part 21, Subpart 14 directs the State to make these payments and for those lands where Subpart 13 directs the payment of taxes on tax reverted, recreation, and forest lands that are not covered under Subpart 14.

Subpart 13 – Estimated swamp tax: \$0.00.

Subpart 14 - Estimated Annual PILT Payments: \$1,340.00.

Also, for your information I have attached a copy of a memo that summarizes this acquisition of public land within your jurisdiction.

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me at Real Estate Services Section, Acquisitions and Exchanges, P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7948.

Sincerely,

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Real Estate Services Section  
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Enclosures



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October 15, 2012

TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

Transaction: State Forest Land Acquisition  
Newberry Management Unit– Luce County  
Aho Tract  
Land Transaction Case #20120049

Purchase: 160 acres; \$75,500.00

PA 240 of 2012: PILT Estimate: \$1,340.00  
This parcel is north of the Mason-Arenac County line and will result in an increase of 20 counted acres.  
Excluded Acres: 140 acres - commercial forest as of July 2, 2012

Description: Luce County, McMillan Township, T50N, R8W, Section 22, the West ½ of the NW ¼ and the North ½ of the SW ¼

Seller(s): Edwin W. Aho Trust, Newberry, MI.

Authority: Act 451, Public Acts of 1994, as amended

Notice: This item will appear on the Department of Natural Resources (Department) October 29, 2012, calendar, and is eligible for approval on November 6, 2012.

Purpose: This land will provide an additional 160 acres to the existing state forest system and can be expected to return approximately \$147,000 in future timber revenues. The Michigan timber and forest products industry provide more than 10,400 jobs in forest product industries and the more than 340 businesses involved in forestry and logging. Wages for the forestry and logging, wood products and paper manufacturing sectors total more than \$210 million annually in Michigan.

Comments: The offered parcels are located in Luce County, approximately one mile south of Lake Superior, 35 miles north of Newberry and within the Newberry Management Unit. The parcels contains the following attributes, which collectively make them priority acquisitions:

- Adjacent State-owned land – existing State Forest lands border on the north, south and west. The eastern boundary is adjacent to Kamehameha Conservation Easement #5.
- Project boundary – the property is located within the Newberry Management Unit project boundary.

- Access – access for the public and department staff will be via existing two-tracks that cross the adjacent State Forest Land.
- Topography – level to rolling with a few hills and knobs that have short but relatively steep sides.
- Water – the property has frontage on Three Mile Creek.
- Cover – the upland parcel contains sandy soils that support jack pine, red pine, white pine and some spruce, aspen, birch and maple.

Acquisition of this property by the Department will result in a reduction of two miles of property boundary that staff will need to monitor and maintain, creating management efficiencies for DNR staff responsible for monitoring the Kamehameha Conservation Easement.

The sellers will convey any mineral rights that they own relative to this parcel.

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

Recommendation: That the acquisition be approved, with payment to be made from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, Upper Peninsula Eco-Regional Land Consolidation project.

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

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

Mark H. Hoffman  
Chief Administrative Officer

I approve the staff recommendations

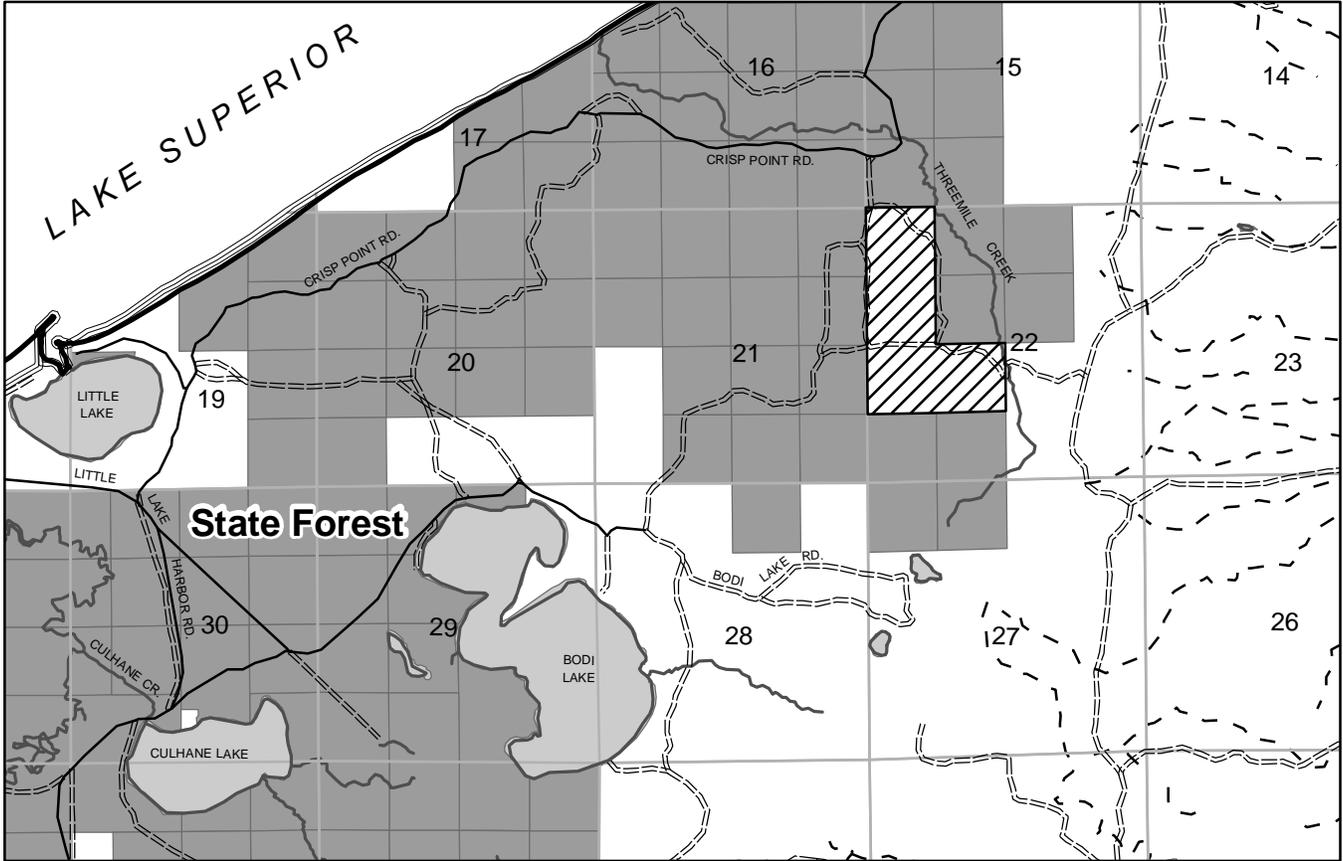
Keith Creagh  
Director

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Date Approved

# STATE FOREST LAND ACQUISITION

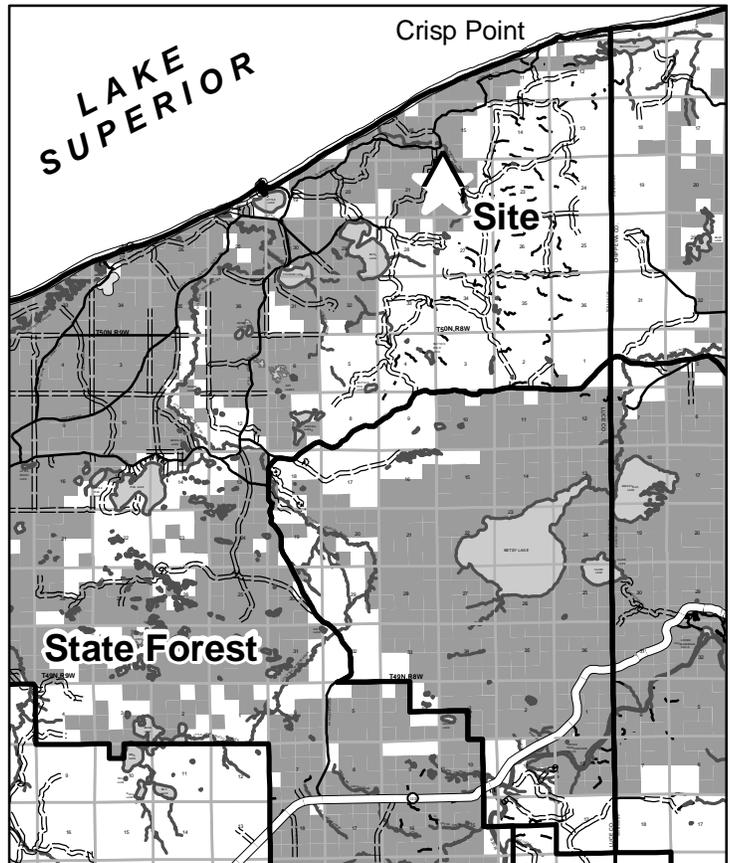
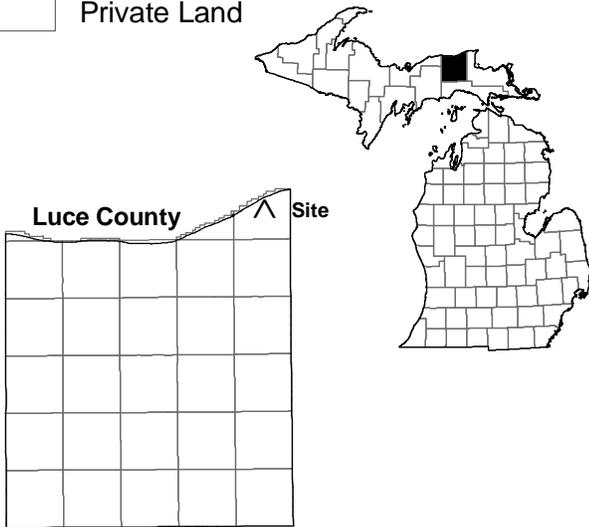
## Newberry Management Unit -- Luce County

### The Aho Tract -- Land Transaction Case #20120049



**Section 22, T50N, R8W**  
**McMillan Township**

- State Forest Boundary
- Land Offered to DNR  
(160 acres -- \$75,500.00)
- State Land
- Private Land



**Regional Location**

