

SUBJECT: Land Donation – South Shore Lake Superior Fish and Wildlife Area– Bayfield County

FOR: AUGUST 2013 BOARD MEETING

TO BE PRESENTED BY: Douglas J Haag – Acting Real Estate Director

SUMMARY: Malcolm and Martha Judkins have offered to donate 3 acres of land for the South Shore Lake Superior Fish and Wildlife Area in Bayfield County to the Department.

The 3-acre tract, is proposed for donation to protect fish and wildlife resources and to provide opportunities for public fishing and recreation as part of the South Shore of Lake Superior Fish and Wildlife Area. The property is located in the middle of Bayfield County and is entirely within the project boundary. The property is adjacent to both State and Town lands with a well-maintained road running past which would make the parcel an ideal candidate for improved fishery access. Acceptance of this 3-acre property would allow for expanded public access for recreational opportunities.

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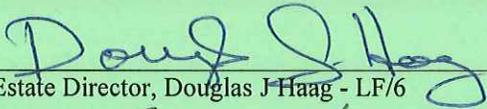
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RECOMMENDATION: That the Board accepts the donation of 3 acres of land for the South Shore Lake Superior Fish and Wildlife Area; that a certificate of appreciation be sent to Malcolm and Martha Judkins and that an expression of appreciation be made a part of the official records of the Natural Resources Board.

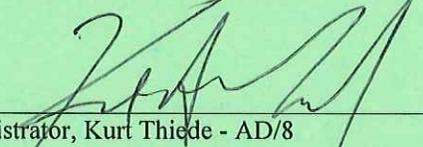
LIST OF ATTACHED MATERIALS:

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| No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Fiscal Estimate Required | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
| No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Environmental Assessment of Impact Statement Required | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | Attached |
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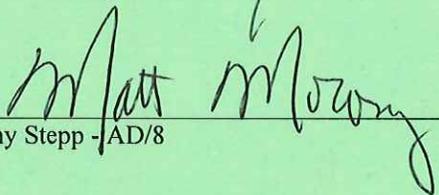
APPROVED:


Acting Real Estate Director, Douglas J Haag - LF/6

7-12-13
Date


Administrator, Kurt Thiede - AD/8

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Secretary, Cathy Stepp - AD/8

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Date

- cc: S. Miller - LF/6
D. Haag - LF/6
L. Ross - AD/5
M. Staggs - FH/4
P. Bruggink - NOR - RHINELANDER

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 11, 2013
 TO: Natural Resources Board
 FROM: Cathy Stepp
 SUBJECT: Proposed Land Donation, Partial Owner Malcolm R. Judkins Tract,
 File # FM 10193

FILE REF: FM 10193

1. PARCEL DESCRIPTION:

South Shore Lake Superior Fish and Wildlife Area
 Bayfield County

Grantor:

Malcolm and Martha Judkins
 P.O Box 2991
 West Columbia, SC 29171

Acres: 3Price: GiftAppraised Value: \$0.00Interest: Fee TitleImprovements: NoneLocation: The tract is located in Bayfield County 9 miles West of AshlandLand Description: The subject land is level.Coverture Breakdown:

Type	Acreage
Upland Woodland	3
Total:	3

Zoning: AgriculturalPresent Use: RecreationProposed Use: Conservation and Public RecreationTenure: 24 yearsProperty Taxes: \$74Offer Date: May 30, 2013

Stewardship Land Access: This property will be open to the public for all nature based outdoor recreational activities to include hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking and cross-country skiing.

2. JUSTIFICATION:

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3. LAND MANAGEMENT:

This property will be managed by the South Shore Fish & Wildlife Project Area property manager. There are no development projects planned

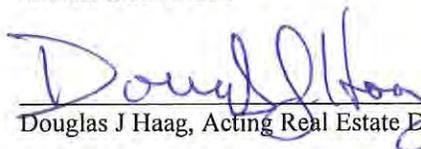
4. FINANCING:

No funding is required for this transaction.

5. ACQUISITION STATUS OF THE SOUTH SHORE LAKE SUPERIOR FISH AND WILDLIFE AREA:

Established: 1992
Acres Purchased to Date: 6,795.93
Acquisition Goal: 8,690.09
Percent Complete: 78.20 %
Cost to Date: \$3,712,349.18

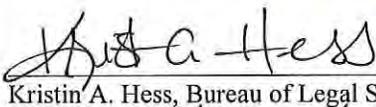
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Douglas J Haag, Acting Real Estate Director

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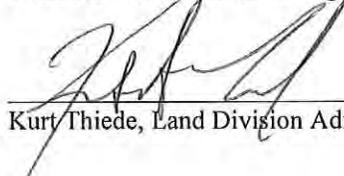
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Kristin A. Hess, Bureau of Legal Services

7/15/13

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Kurt Thiede, Land Division Administrator

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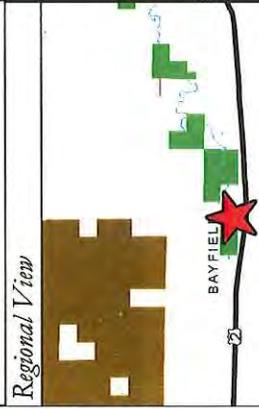
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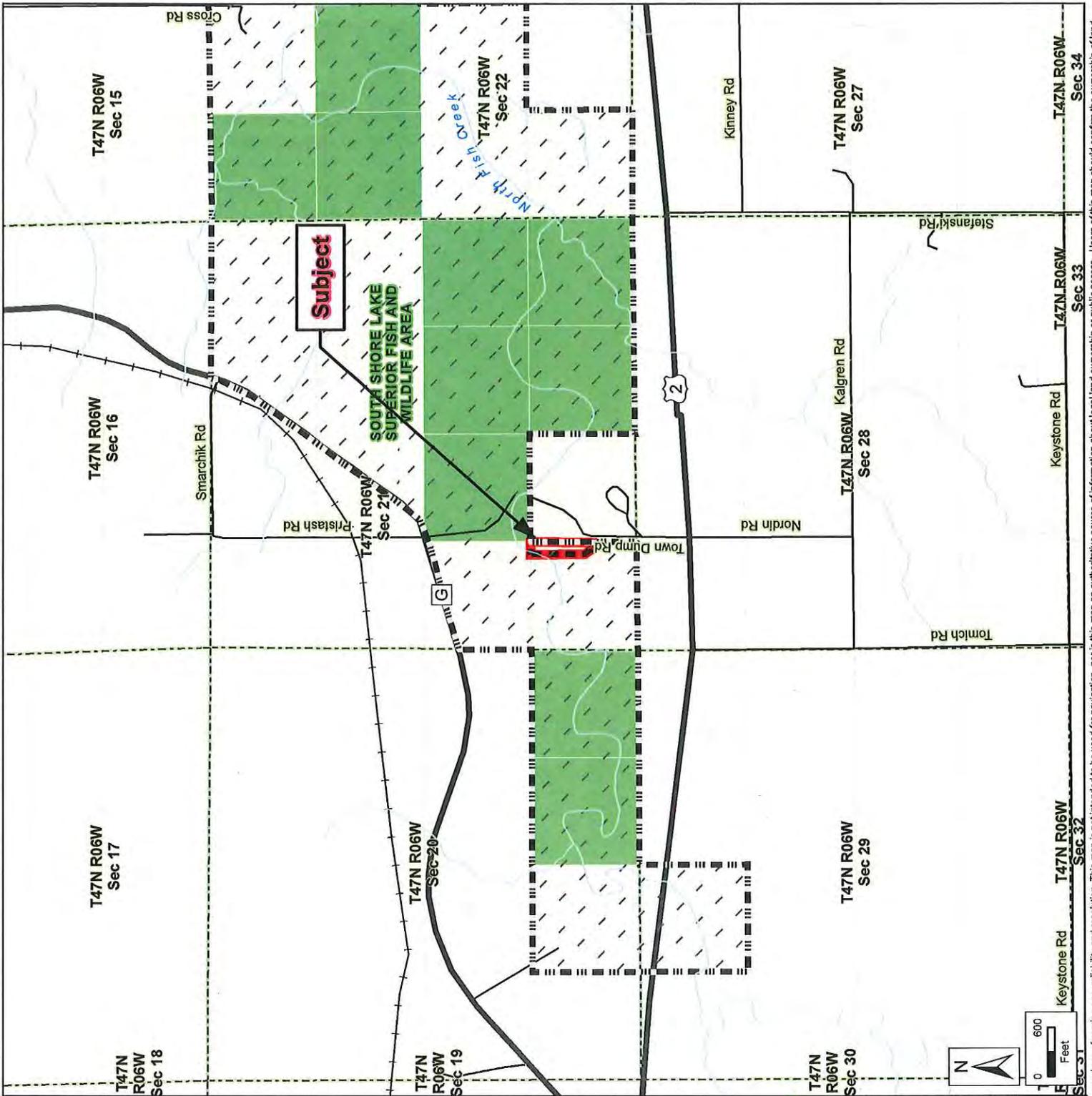


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-  DNR Easement
-  DNR Project Boundary
-  Tribal Land
-  PLSS Section Line
-  QQ Section Boundary



 Location of Property

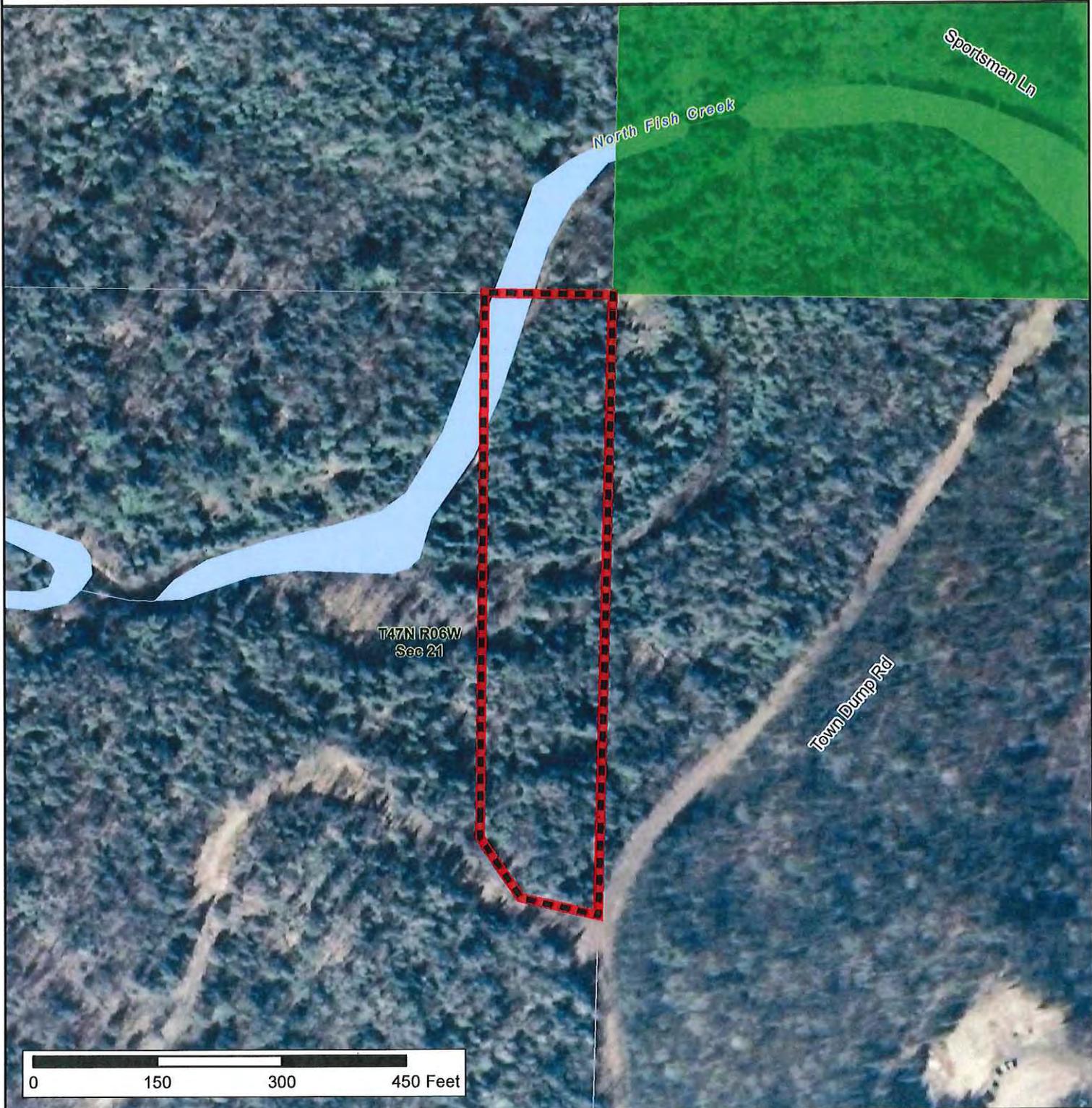

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South Shore Lake Superior Fish & Wildlife Area



Subject

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 DNR Easement Land

 Section Line

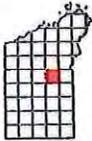
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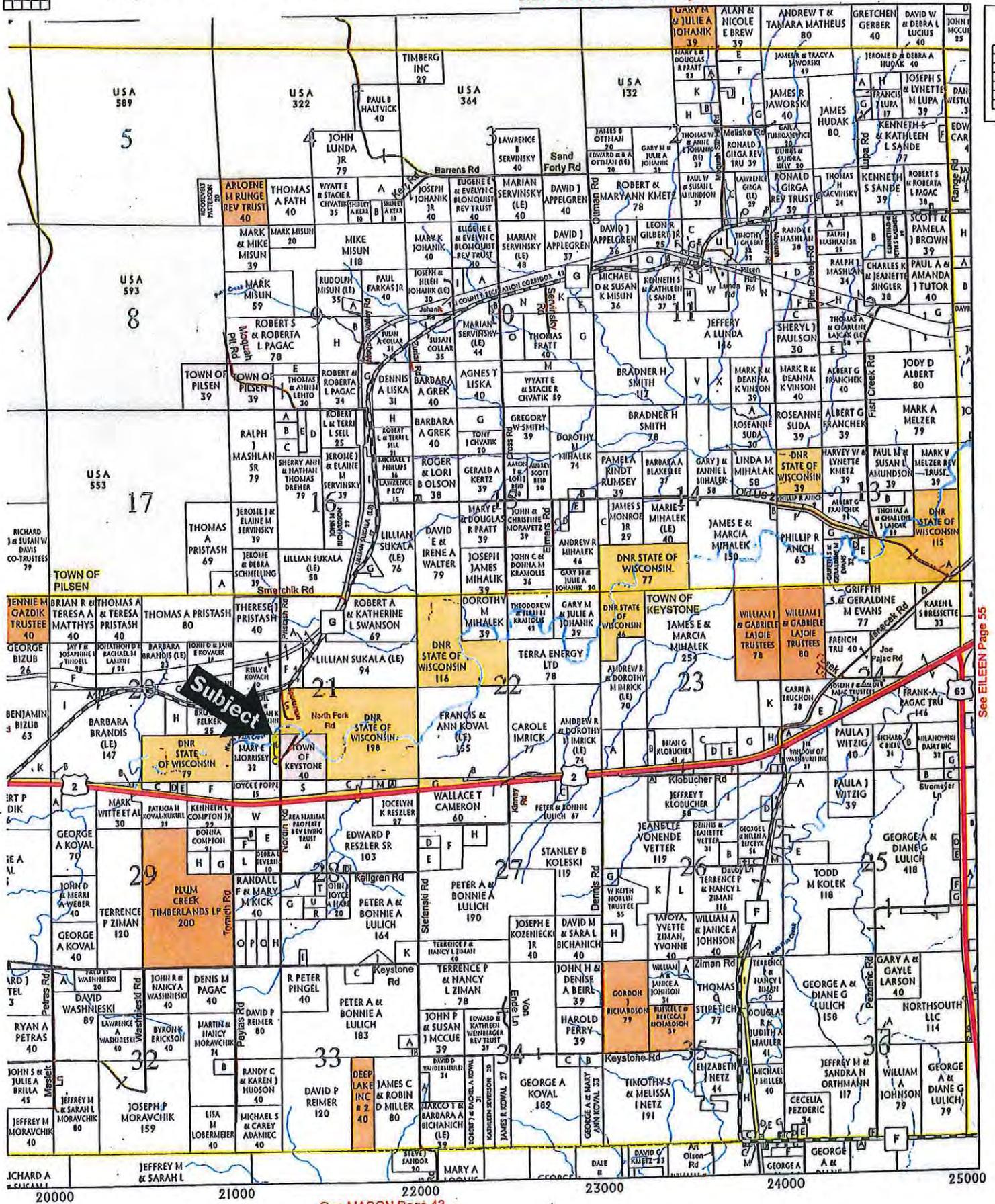
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