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Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: May 30, 2018

Re: 14-Day Passive Review Approval – DNR

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Stats., attached is a 14-day passive review request from the Department of Natural Resources, received on May 30, 2018.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Darling** or **Representative Nygren** no later than **Monday, June 18, 2018**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

AD:JN:jm

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May 14, 2018

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MAY 30 2018
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Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (dr), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Committee on Joint Finance of a proposed grant of \$39,400.00 from the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program to Barron County for CU Lodge acquisition.

The CU Lodge project will incorporate 40 acres into the County Forest and Stewardship Programs. This property connects existing blocks of county forest land.

The entire property will be enrolled into the County forest program and managed consistently with s. 28.11 Wis. Stats., which ensures that the land will be managed for optimum production of forest products together with recreational opportunities, wildlife, and watershed protection.

There are no prohibitions of nature-based outdoor activities, as defined in s. 23.0916(1)(b), Wis. Stats.

As provided in s. 23.0917(6m)(a), Wis. Stats., if the Department does not receive notification of the scheduling of a hearing from either of the Joint Committee on Finance co-chairpersons within 14 working days from today, the Department will award this grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Meyer
Secretary

C: Doug Haag, Administrator, Internal Services Division
Doug Brown, County Forest & Public Lands Specialist, Bureau of Forestry Field Operations

DATE: May 14, 2018

TO: Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Daniel Meyer, Secretary

SUBJECT: Request for approval of a Stewardship grant award for land acquisition north of Highway 64

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (dr), Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources is notifying you of a proposed Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant in the amount of \$39,400.00 to Barron County for acquisition of a 40-acre property known as the CU Lodge acquisition.

The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

PROJECT DETAILS:

Project Sponsor: Barron County

Grant sub-program: County Forest Acquisition

Location: The land is in the Town of Sumner, accessible via 12 3/4th Avenue.

Project Description: This 40-acre property is rolling woodland with no improvements. The property's timber includes 36 acres of oak sawlogs and northern hardwoods and four acres of aspen, northern hardwoods and swamp hardwood pole timber.

This acquisition had been identified by Barron County as a long-term investment for timber production, recreation and watershed protection. This acquisition connects an existing 640 acres of county forest (previously Stewardship funded) to an isolated 40-acre tract, creating a contiguous 720-acre block of county forest.

All 40 acres will be incorporated into the Stewardship and County Forest programs and managed according to the County's Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Project area maps are attached as Appendix A.

Project benefits: County acquisition of this property will:

- Provide Barron County additional productive forest land.
- Link existing county forest to create a single block, simplifying management and linking an isolated 40 to public access acres along Moose Creek.

Public Uses: The CU Lodge project property will be open to the public year-round for hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, biking, horseback riding. County ownership will provide unlimited off-trail or cross-country hiking opportunities throughout the property. The property is within 15 miles of Rice Lake, the largest population in Barron County and 11 miles from the intersection of Hwy 8 and 53, providing easy access from a major highway corridor.

The Department's analysis of the permitted nature-based outdoor activities is attached in Appendix B.

Property Management: The property will be enrolled into the County Forest Program and managed consistently with s. 28.11 Wis. Stats., which ensures that the land will be managed for optimum production of forest products together with recreational opportunities, wildlife, and watershed protection. Management will occur according to the *Barron County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan*, as approved by the Department.

PROJECT FINANCES:

A. Appraisals:

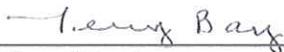
As required by s.23.0917(7)(e)1., Wis. Stats., land value was determined by a DNR-reviewed and accepted appraisal which valued the property at \$84,000.00.

The county's purchase price was \$76,000; the county requested a grant of less than 50%.

B. Grant Calculation

Land value	\$84,000.00
Eligible associated costs	<u>\$2,800.00</u>
Total grant-eligible	\$86,800.00
DNR Stewardship grant proposed (~45% of eligible costs)	\$ 39,400.00

I. RECOMMENDED:

 _____ Terry Bay, Director Bureau of Facilities and Lands	<u>5/11/18</u> _____ Date
 _____ Doug Haag, Administrator Division of Internal Services	<u>5-21-18</u> _____ Date

Attachments:
Appendix A – project area maps
Appendix B – Public use staff analysis

Barron Co. Forest – CU Lodge Tract

Preliminary
Stewardship
Grant

T34N R10W Sec 35
Town of Sumner
Barron County

- Subject
- PLSS Section Lines
- Current DNR Project Boundary
- DNR Fee Title Lands Open to Public Access
- DNR Easement Lands Closed to Public Access
- Public Land - Funded by Stewardship Grants
- County Forest Lands
- Ice Age Trail

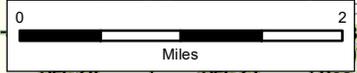
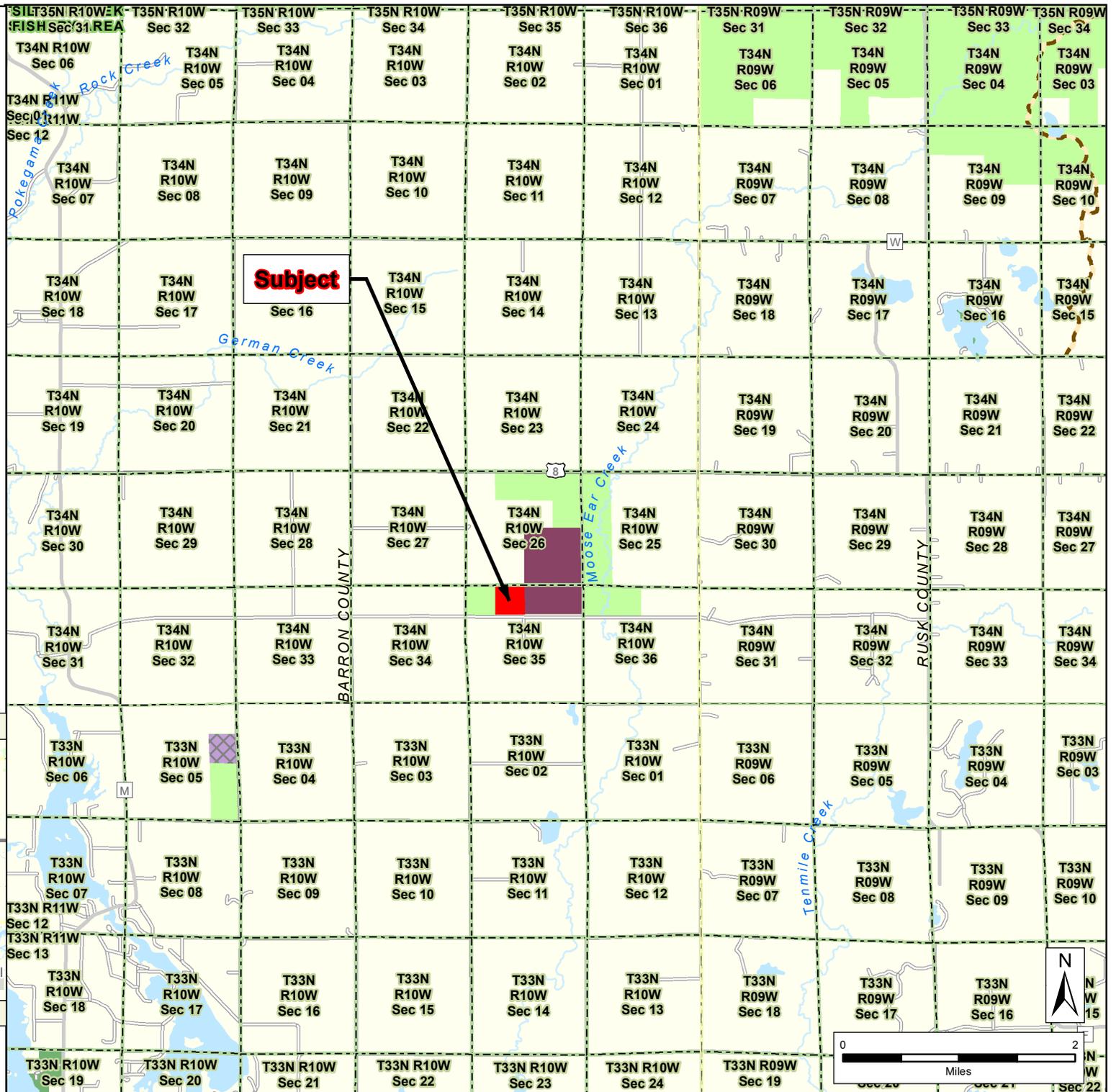
Regional View



★ Location of Property



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Bureau of Facilities of Lands
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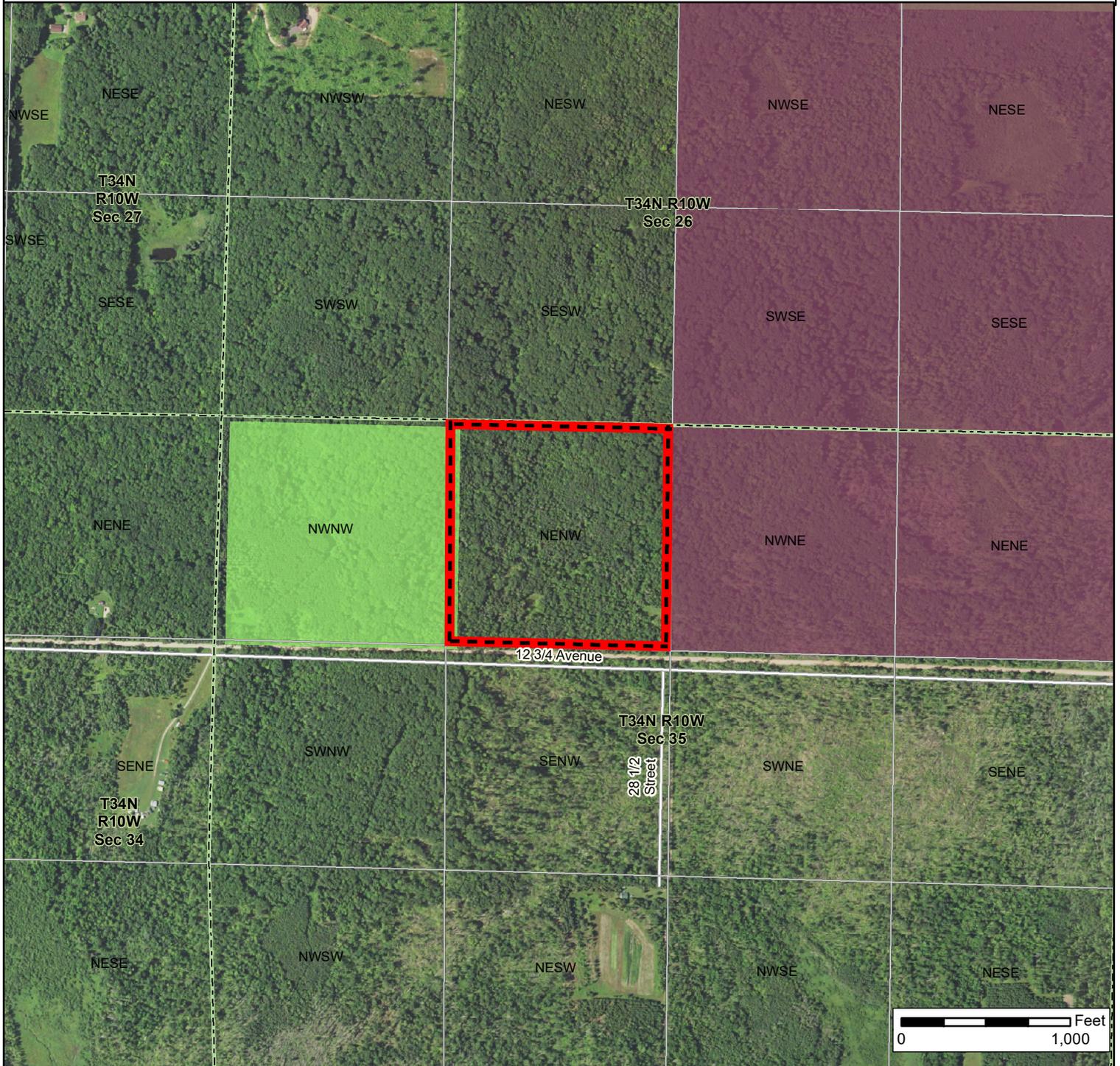


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Barron Co. Forest- CU Lodge Tract

Sponsor: Barron County
Approximate Total Acreage: 40

T34N R10W Sec 35 Town of Sumner
County: Barron



Proposed Stewardship Grant

Subject

- Public Land - Funded by Stewardship Grants
- County Forest Lands
- PLSS Section Lines
- QQ Section Boundary



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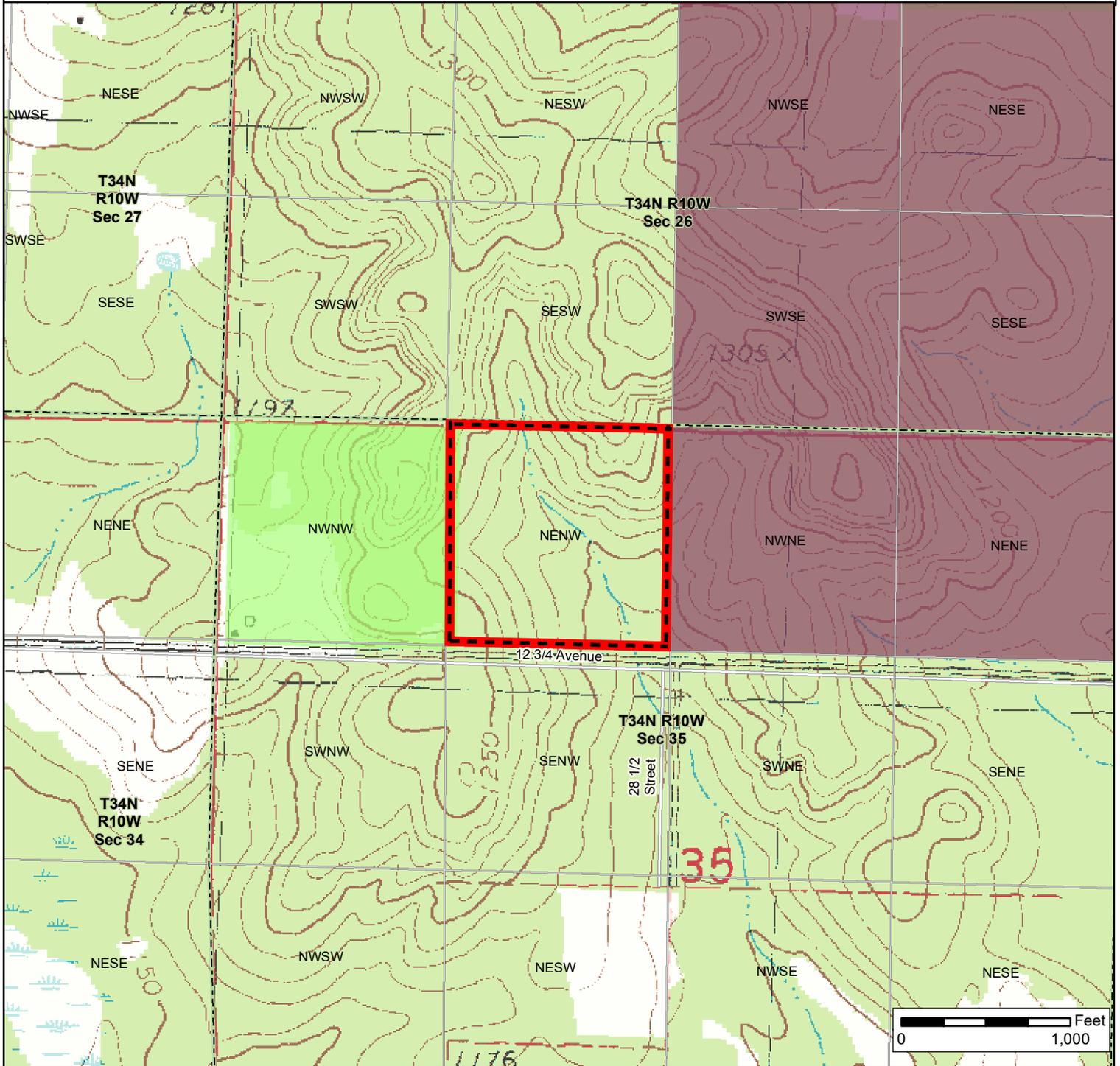
Real Estate Section
Bureau of Facilities and Lands

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TRAPPING

DNR Staff Narrative: Property will be open to trapping.

X No prohibitions being proposed

No water on site

If a prohibition is proposed:

Public safety factors considered, check all that apply.

- Size/shape of parcel
- The sponsor is within its own municipality boundary
- Parcel is within 100 yards of building devoted to human occupancy and per s. NR 13.(1)(b)(12), the following traps are prohibited: conibear body gripping traps (with jaws wider than 60 sq. inches) and cable restraints.
- Ordinance exists that prohibits trapping or some type of trapping.
- Visitor's expectations of safety at the site which include user conflicts that may create public safety issues and impact one or more NBOA's activities.
- Parcel is adjacent to a parcel where the NBOA's to be prohibited already exists.
- Parcel is adjacent to a public waterway.
- Parcel is subjected to a non-sponsor ordinance
- Project will be transferred to an eligible partner sponsor with ordinance prohibiting activity.

Unique plant and animal communities factors considered, check all that apply.

- Federal listed endangered species
- State listed endangered species
- Federal listed threatened species
- State listed threatened species
- Federal listed species of special concern
- State listed species of special concern

Location	Allowable Species	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Upland	Per state regulations	Per state regulations
Water	Per state regulations	Per state regulations

FISHING

DNR Staff Narrative: NA – property has no water.

X No prohibitions being proposed

X No water on site

If a prohibition is proposed:

Public safety factors considered, check all that apply.

- Ordinance exists – _____.
- Visitor's expectations of safety at the site which include user conflicts that may create public safety issues and impact one or more NBOA's activities.
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Unique plant and animal communities factors considered, check all that apply.

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Method	Allowable Activities	List Dates/Seasons (opening and closing)
Shore	NA	NA
Boat	NA	NA

