

**Division of Forestry**  
**500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155**

January 25, 2021

Mark Johnson  
Executive Director  
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
State Office Building, Room 95  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Itasca County is proposing a county road project that will impact lands owned by Blandin Paper Company over which the State holds a conservation easement funded in part by the Outdoor Heritage Fund. The project will result in a conversion of forestland to road right-of-way and a conveyance of a permanent road easement to Itasca County. The State's easement will remain in effect on the land.

Project Description: Itasca County is proposing a road improvement and reconstruction project on CSAH 52, during the summer of 2021. The proposed work will include general reconstruction and other improvements of the current road which will require conveyance of a permanent road easement to Itasca County across two parcels: Tax Parcel #53-008-9000 located in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, Section 8, Township 60 North, Range 23 West, Itasca County; and Tax Parcel #53-006-9000 located in the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, Section 6, Township 60 North, Range 23 West, Itasca County, Minnesota. The total amount new permanent road easement will be approximately 0.36 acres (shown on the attachments).

According to the easement terms, the State of Minnesota is entitled to a share of the proceeds of any sale, exchange or involuntary conversion of the property formerly subject to this Conservation Easement, according to the State's proportional interest in the Protected Property. The proportional interest is based on the appraised value at the time of acquisition. The proportional interest for this easement is 0.4082954.

The estimated value of the easement, as determined by Itasca County is:

Permanent Easement (0.36 acres) X (\$403/acre determined by Itasca County) = \$145.08

Total Value: \$145.08

Easement Share: (\$145.08) X (0.4082954 proportional share) = \$59.24

**OHF Share: (\$59.24) X (0.777) = \$46.03**

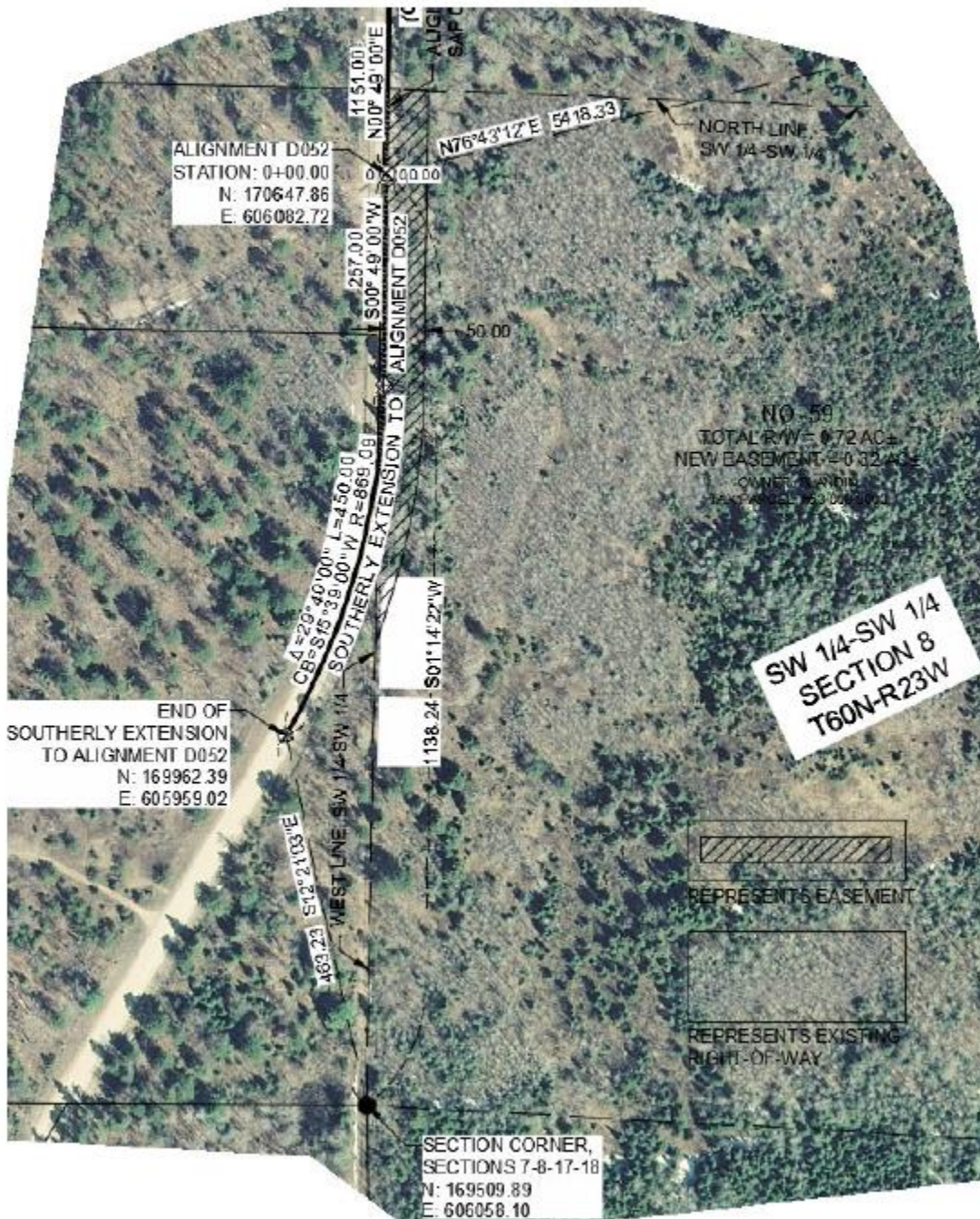
We do not anticipate that the affected lands will be replaced by other conservation lands and recommend that \$46.03 be repaid to the Outdoor Heritage Fund (OHF provided approximately 77.7% of the acquisition costs.)

Sincerely,  
Christine Ostern, Forest Legacy Program Coordinator  
525 Lake Avenue South, Paulucci Office Bldg., Suite 415, Duluth, MN 55802

CC: Gary Michael  
Doug Tillma  
Kelly Wilder

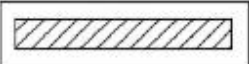
Project sketches for Itasca County CSAH 52 – Blandin Conservation Easement OHF Request, Jan2021

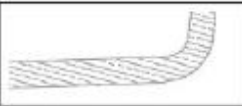
**APPROXIMATE SKETCH**  
(See Official Easements for Defined Locations)  
Tract #59 (Tax Parcel #53-008-9000)



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 REPRESENTS EASEMENT

  
 REPRESENTS EXISTING  
 RIGHT-OF-WAY