

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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Senator Richard J. Cohen, Chair, Senate Finance Committee
Senator Satveer S. Chaudhary, Chair Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Representative Loren Solberg, Chair, House Ways and Means Committee
Representative Kent Eken, Chair, House Environment Policy and Oversight Committee

Dear Committee Chairs:

Minnesota Statutes, section 94.1651 requires that the Commissioner of Natural Resources report land purchases and sales related to the Land Acquisition Account.

This account was created as a revolving account to fund DNR land acquisitions with the proceeds from the sale of surplus DNR land. The balance forward in the account at the beginning of fiscal year 2009 was \$244,063. The ending balance in fiscal year 2009 was \$181,183.

Lands acquired during fiscal year 2009 with funds from the Land Acquisition Account included approximately 31 acres in Houston County for the Beaver Creek Valley state park. Monies deposited into the fund included monies from the transfer of a portion of the Moose Lake State Recreation Area to the Department of Human Services.

Receipts deposited into this account included monies from loan interest, easements, wild rice leases, principal from sales with installment payments, and reimbursement of land sale costs. Details regarding land sales and receipts are contained in the enclosed Department of Natural Resources Acquisition Account Summary FY 2009; the attached "Exhibit 1" titled Department of Natural Resources Land Acquisition Account Receipts FY2009; and, "Exhibit 2" titled Department of Natural Resources Land Acquisition Account Expenditures FY 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark Holsten'.

Mark Holsten
Commissioner

Copies: DNR Bob Meier, Marty Vadis, Aaron Vande Linde

94.165 Land acquisition account. There is created in the state treasury a land acquisition account. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner of natural resources for the acquisition of natural resource lands or interests in lands within the outdoor recreation system established in chapter 86A. The commissioner must file a report to the house ways and means and the senate finance committees and the environment and natural resources committees of the senate and house of representatives by October 1 of each year indicating all purchases and sales from this account.



**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
LAND ACQUISITION ACCOUNT SUMMARY
FY 2009***

Balance	224,063
In	
Receipts	198,721
Expenditures	239,351
Encumbrances	2,250
Balance	181,183
Out	

**numbers rounded*

Costs of preparing report: \$390 based on salary plus benefits for staff hours to complete.

Department of Natural Resources Land Acquisition Account Receipts

FY 2009

<u>Type of Land Sales Income:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Timber	5,701.67
Loan Interest	1,272.64
Sale of Land - Installment Payments	29,847.12
Reimbursement of Land Sale Costs	29,899.54
Sale of Land	131,500.00
Easements on DNR Land	500.00
TOTAL	<u>\$198,720.97</u>

Exhibit 1

Department of Natural Resources Land Acquisition Account Expenditures

FY 2009

Printing and Advertising	2,457.28
Other Operating Costs*	1,468.69
Statewide Indirect Costs	1,365.00
Attorney General Costs	577.50
Agency Professional and Technical Service/Architect and Engineering	41,609.66
Land Acquisition Costs	132,703.16
Outside Professional and Technical	59,170.00
TOTAL	<u>\$239,351.29</u>

* Other operating costs consist of payments made to the Division of Lands and Minerals Professional Services' account which consists of closing activities, record keeping, and fixed fees and taxes associated with title transfer.

Exhibit 2