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Robert J. McGillivray  
Senior Project Manager  
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The Trust for Public Land  
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Dear Mr. McGillivray:

This letter is in reference to a proposed acquisition of a lakeshore parcel on Upper Cullen Lake in Crow Wing County. This parcel has high biodiversity and habitat values and has been identified as a priority for protection by the DNR Section of Fisheries.

Due to the proximity of this parcel to adjacent county-managed land, we believe Crow Wing County, rather than DNR, would be the best option for long-term management of the parcel. In addition, several former or current DNR employees own property adjacent to or nearby this parcel. As a result, we believe it is best for the Trust for Public Land to work directly with the County to explore protection options, which will separate DNR and its employees from any perception of a conflict of interest.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Schad".

Dave Schad  
Deputy Commissioner