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**CROW WING COUNTY**

**BRAINERD, MINNESOTA 56401**

February 28, 2013

Susan Thornton  
Director, LCCMR  
Rm. 65 State Office Building  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Ms. Thornton,

On February 26 2013, the Crow Wing County Board approved accepting a land donation to Crow Wing County of approximately 119 acres of land on Upper Cullen Lake from the Trust for Public Land. It is my understanding that subject to LCCMR approval, The Trust for Public Land intends to acquire the property with funds previously recommended by the LCCMR.

The County recognizes that the Upper Cullen Lake land has high biodiversity significance and is committed to managing the land to protect those values. The County is also committed to taking care of any restoration needs the land may have. Consistent with the above, the land will be available to the public for recreational purposes such as wildlife observation, hunting and fishing.

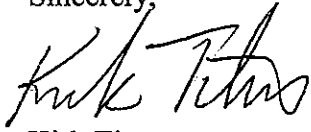
Crow Wing County has been managing forest lands for the past 67 years. Currently, the Land Services Department has management responsibilities for over 105,000 acres of forest land and operates in three distinctive program areas of forest management, recreation management and land asset management.

The Upper Cullen Lake parcel will be managed by professional foresters according to the Forest Management Plan for the Tax Forfeited Lands of Crow Wing County. The plan is a working document designed to guide direct day to day management actions on the forested land base.

In addition, the Upper Cullen Lake parcel will be incorporated into the County’s Sustainable Forestry Management System and become dual certified to the environmental standards established by the world’s two leading independent certification entities, the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) and the Forest Stewardship Council™ (FSC®). This certification is verified annually through independent third-party audits and validates that county forest lands are sustainably managed and will continue to provide multiple benefits for future generations.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Titus". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "K".

Kirk Titus  
Land Services Supervisor.

Cc: Bob McGillivray, The Trust for Public Land