Appendix L

DNR Natural Heritage Database Correspondence

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Subject: Re: Fwd: TH371 Pequot Lakes bypass

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>>> Peter Leete 5/29/2008 6:44 AM >>>
John.... Your updated Natural Heritage database search request produced a "no additional concerns" due to the slight alingment changes and the time since the last search... The eagle is Jasons turf (if any)...

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>>> "Lisa Joyal" < Lisa.Joyal@dnr.state.mn.us > 5/28/2008 6:34 PM >>>
A bald eagle nest on the west side of Sibley Lake, but I have no concerns about that...

-Lisa

>>> "Peter Leete" < Peter.Leete@dot.state.mn.us > 5/21/2008 12:02 PM >>>
Lisa,
MnDOT is requesting a re-evaluation of the Natural Heritage Database for the TH 371 Pequot Bypass. This project went through the EIS a few years ago (ERDB # 20021064). At that time there were many alignments looked at, with the through town option picked by MnDOT. Since then the city has refused to give municiple consent, as they want a bypass to the east. This route is pretty much the same as Route #3 in the EIS, with a slight shift to the east on the south end and some changes to the intersections on the north end. MnDOT will be filing a Supplemental EIS to address these changes. They want to be sure that nothing new has shown up on the DNR database. Anything new?

contact me if you have any questions
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>>> John Mackner 5/20/2008 2:56 PM >>>
Peter,

As we discussed, District 3 completed an EIS for TH 371 from Nisswa to Pine River back in 2003. In the interim, the city of Pequot Lakes has asked us to look at an eastern bypass of their city. Consequently, we are working on a supplemental EIS to address impacts of a bypass. We would like to have a re-evaluation of the Natural History database for just the bypass area to determine if anything has changed in the last 5 years.

I have attached a .pdf file of the approximate alignment (in red) of the proposed bypass. The quad map shows where we diverge and reconnect with the existing alignment. Unfortunately, the section numbers don't show up well. The alignment is in sections 3, 10, 11, 14, 22, 23 and 26; T 136N; R 29W. There are no DNR waters involved and we have been discussing this locally with Pam Perry regarding wildlife issues such as Blanding's turtles and red shouldered hawks. I think all we need at this point is the Natural Heritage review.

If you need more information, you know how to reach me. Thanks.

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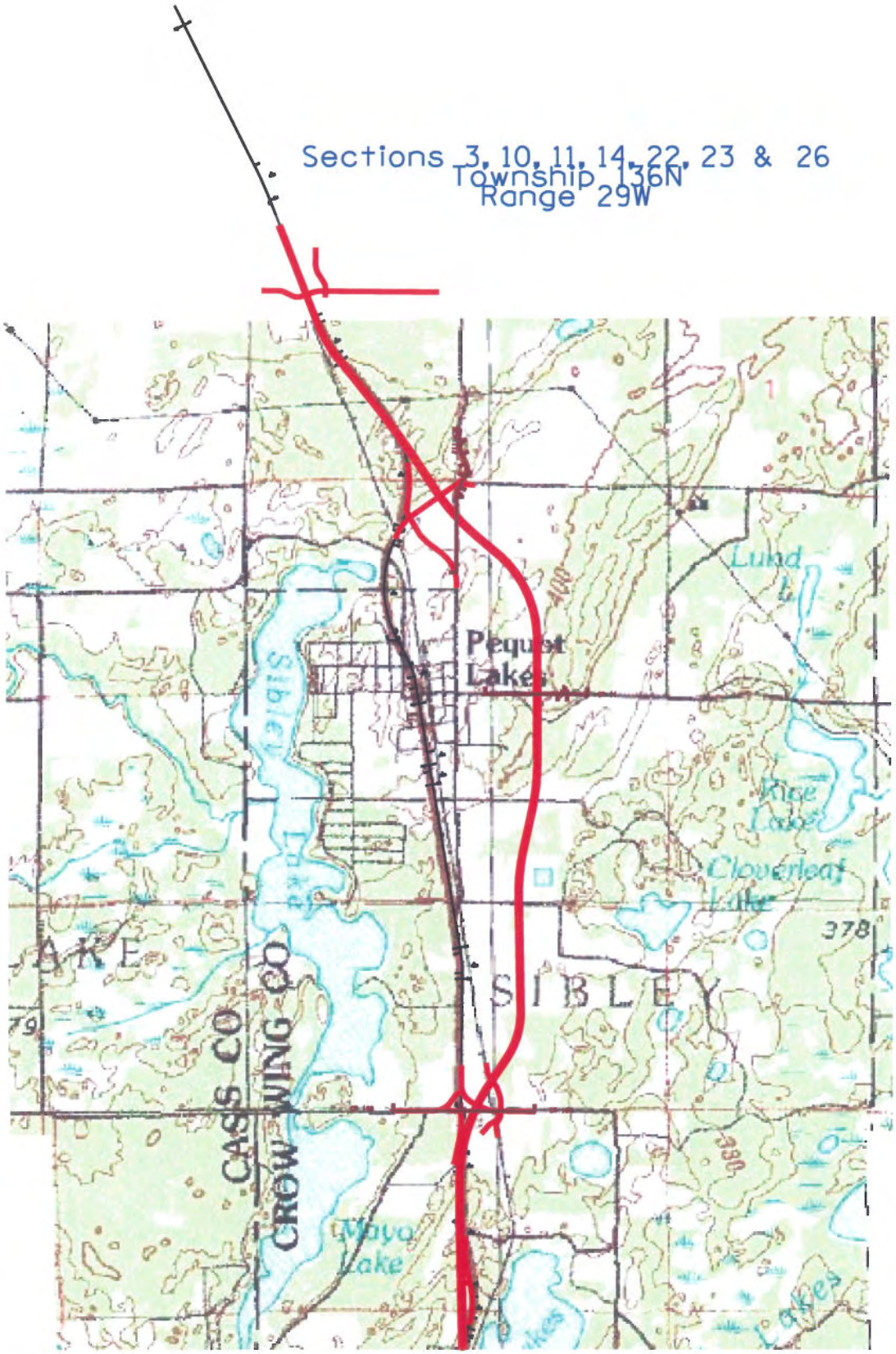
Sections 3, 10, 11, 14, 22, 23 & 26
Township 136N
Range 29W