

SECTION PLAT SHEET

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DATE 1993 ?

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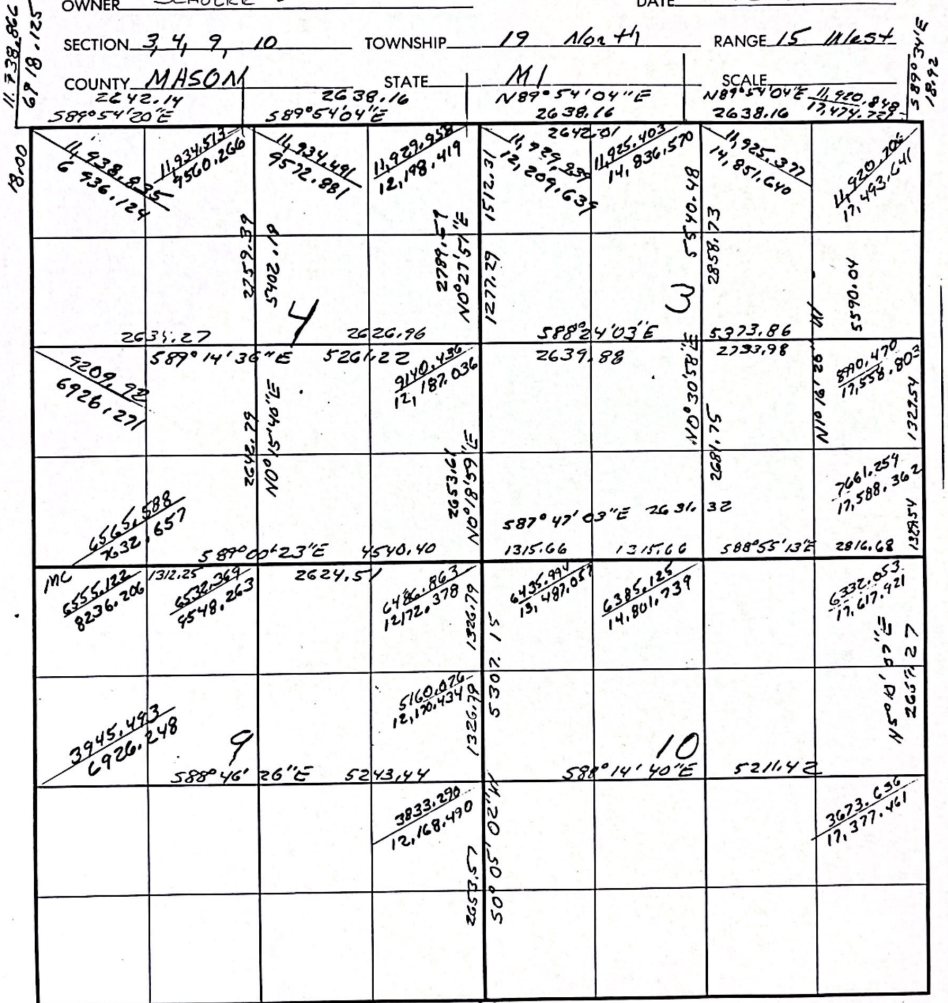
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE

Manistee, Michigan 49660

REPLY TO: 7150 Surveying

March 19, 1979

SUBJECT: Sable River - Don Albright, Section 3, T19N, R15W

TO: The Record



On March 16, 1979 I met with Don Albright and Bob Smith over a disputed land line. They own property in Section 3, T19N, R15W. The Sable River is their south and west boundary.

A portion of the planned Sable River Timber Sale (Section 34 of T20N, R15W) is on property that Mr. Albright thought was his. Milt Hindman contacted a local person (probably Bob Smith) on the site and discussed this matter with them. Mr. Smith presumably contacted Mr. Albright.

Mr. Albright discussed this matter with Milt Hindman and learned where we presumed the line to be. Mr. Albright and Mr. Smith then talked with Bob Griffin about the line. They were given the same information that they had received from Hindman, but in greater detail. Griffin then talked with me and told me of his discussion with the gentlemen. My staff had kept me posted on the situation and I was aware of the line dispute.

Mr. Albright had almost sold his property to the National Forest about a year ago, but his asking price was above what Mr. Harju (Land Appraiser) thought our appraisal would bring. Negotiations were then suspended.

Mr. Albright's approach to me was "You have marked all my trees". I confirmed that we were satisfied with the line we had established based on current information. If Mr. Albright had better information we would like to have it so that we could resolve this dispute. They informed me that they had no such information. They talked in vague generalities about past cutting, and about other activities which had led them to believe that the line was where they said it was.

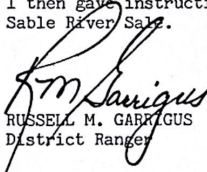
In short order we stopped dealing with the thoughts and innuendos of a few decades ago, and started to talk about resolution of the problem. The situations were resolved in the following manner.

1. They wanted to stop cutting on that block (14 A) which Mr. Albright maintained was on his land. I told him I would suspend cutting until the situation was resolved.
2. They wanted to share the cost of survey (they really would have liked the USFS to survey) but at my suggestion we agreed to CONSIDER some shared service to locate that line.

Mr. Albright then suggested that perhaps we would still like to buy his land. I informed him that we would, but that I did not want him to feel that we had forced him into a condition for sale. If he wished to retain his property I would work with him to establish the property boundary. I outlined a procedure starting with a formal letter from him that would start the resolution of this dispute. He asked that we make an offer on his property before we tried to resolve the land line dispute. If the offer was acceptable then he would sell to us and would not have to get involved in relocating this property line.

It is my personal opinion that the information given by Mr. Griffin convinced Mr. Albright that the line was where we said it was. Mr. Albright also mentioned talking to another surveyor (Mr. Ross) about the problem.

After the conclusion of our conversation, I called Bob Harju and asked him to make contact with Mr. Albright. That day if possible. I then gave instructions to delay the sale of that block on the Sable River Sale.



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