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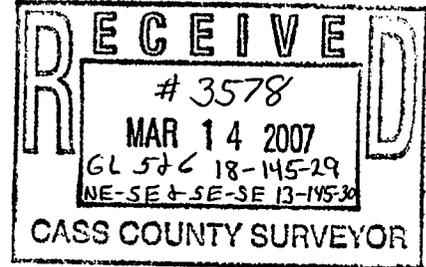


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Dear Mr. Leuelling:

This is in reply to your letter, inquiring about the S 1/16 corner common to sections 13 and 18 of Township 145 North, Ranges 29 and 30 West.

We do not have a copy of the 1898 Indian Office survey. We believe it is located in the National Archives but have not received a reply to our request for a copy of the record. The Special Instructions for Group No. 32, Minnesota performed by the GLO are also in the National Archives.

After reviewing the records located in this office and supplied by you and the U.S. Forest Service it is the opinion of this office the corner in question is the S 1/16 common to sections 13 and 18 and as such will control the subdivisions it defines. There is insufficient evidence to change the current location of the corner and its monumentation.

Should you have further questions, please feel to contact me at 703-440-1675.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Beaudin
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Lead Land Surveyor





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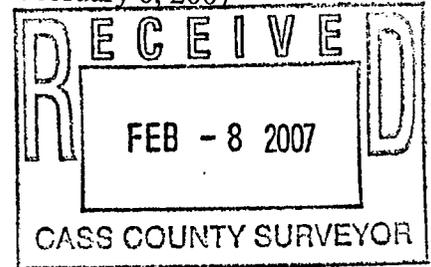
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Dear Mr. Beaudin:

The Chippewa National Forest is in receipt of a copy of a January 30, 2007, letter from Northern Lights Surveying and Mapping, INC., requesting an opinion and information from your office. The subject matter involves their survey of patented land which abuts National Forest administered Public Domain lands in Section 18, Township 145 North, Range 29 West, of the 5th Principal Meridian.

Enclosed are copies of our corner perpetuations of the subject area and the 1986 Small Tracts Act survey in Section 13, Township 145 North, Range 30 West, 5th PM. We would appreciate receiving copies of your response to Northern Lights Surveying.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL C. HAYES
Land Surveyor

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cc: Northern Lights Surveying & Mapping; Cass County Surveyor; Al Kayser



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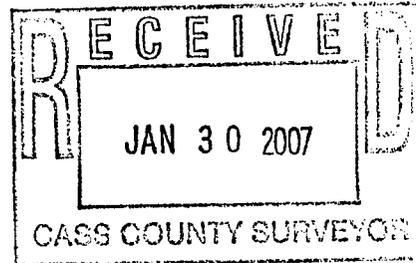
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January 30, 2007

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Dear Mr. Beaudin:

We are performing a boundary survey for the owner of Government Lot 6, Section 18, Township 145 North, Range 29 West, of the 5th Principal Meridian. The United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service is the owner of Government Lot 5, Section 18. Government Lot 5 is "public domain". At the suggestion of Robert Kovanen, Cass County Surveyor, and Mike Hayes, Chippewa National Forest Land Surveyor, we are requesting an opinion and copies of some documents relating to this survey.

The question concerns a monument marked and described as the S 1/16 corner common to Sections 13 and 18, on the Range line between Ranges 29 & 30. The existing Forest Service monument is 146 feet north of the midpoint of the line connecting the corner common to Sections 13, 18, 24 & 19 to the Quarter corner common to Sections 13 & 18. The Forest Service monument at the S 1/16 is a direct perpetuation of a GLO brass capped monument set in 1933 which was also stamped as the S 1/16 common to Sections 13 & 18. In the 1933 survey the GLO brass capped monument replaced a found wooden post (& bearing trees) which was, according to the running notes, set in 1898 by the Indian Office. The running notes indicate that there was a fence line running to the east and to the south from this corner. Additionally, the running notes show that it was known at this time that the "S 1/16" was not at the split.

It appears that the 1898 post was initially intended to be the southeast corner of Indian Allotment #275 in the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 13 in Range 30. Unfortunately, neither we or the Forest Service, nor Cass County have been able to obtain a copy of the 1898 survey. As a result, we do not know if the "Indian Office" surveyor was authorized to make decisions relating to Section 18. In fact, we are even uncertain as to the authority that the 1933 GLO surveyor had to affect the interior subdivision in Section 18.

Our questions are:

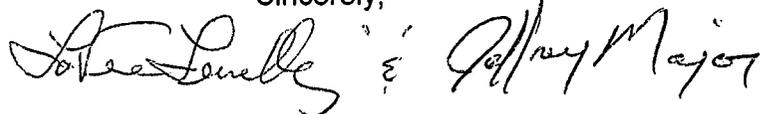
- 1) Does the in place S 1/16 on the west line of Section 18 determine the west end of the line between Gov't Lot 5 and Gov't Lot 6, or is it only for the use of properties in Section 13?
- 2) The fact that there was a fence line running east from the in place S 1/16 in 1933 would have established property rights in Section 18 if

Government Lot 5 were not federal land or, more particularly, public domain. What impact does this status effect the decision?

Our requests for information are for the following documents:

- 1) A copy of the Special Instructions dated April 22, 1930 for Group No. 32, Minnesota.
- 2) A copy of plats, running notes or instructions for the 1898 Indian Office Surveys.

Sincerely,



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cc: Robert Kovanen
Mike Hayes

