



*Land acquisition*

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Dear Dr. Nelson:

The Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team, at their February 18 - 19 meeting, discussed land acquisition needs to achieve the objectives of the Recovery Plan. The revised Plan recommends continued acquisition of key tracts by the Forest Service and Fish and Wildlife Service to insure habitat management within the identified Kirtland's Warbler Management units.

The Fish and Wildlife Service is currently working with the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources regarding management of recently acquired lands, and long-term exchange needs. The MDNR and FWS have agreed to look at exchange opportunities following acquisition of the tracts identified in the Recovery Plan. The Recovery Team recommends that the State and FWS consider an exchange of lands acquired to date, and that remaining lands acquired in the future by the FWS be considered as a separate State-FWS exchange proposal.

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It may be some time before all Kirtland's Warbler lands will be acquired. Many of the acquired tracts should now be included in management plans being developed or undertaken on adjacent lands. A State-FWS exchange at this time would permit habitat management at a time when the team believes that this is critical to the future of the Kirtland's Warbler.

The Recovery Team recommends the State and Fish and Wildlife Service initiate an exchange proposal, and agreement for management on lands acquired for the Warbler.

Sincerely,

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Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team

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