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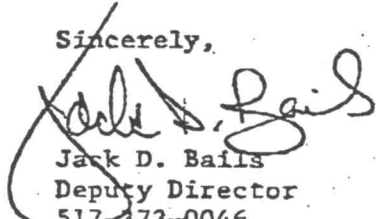
Dear Mr. Follrath:

This letter will confirm the continued interest of the Department of Natural Resources in the Kirtland's Warbler land acquisition program in Michigan. At such time as the acquisition phase of the program is completed, it is the intent of the Department to enter into an exchange with the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service that will allow for the transfer of the acquired Federal lands for equal valued State-owned land in a single designated area with similar critical habitat.

This direction is the same as outlined by my predecessor, Wayne Tody, in a letter to Harvey K. Nelson, U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service in 1979. It is also consistent with the final draft Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Natural Resources and the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

The involvement of the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service has been very significant in the Kirtland's Warbler program. You and your staff are to be commended for the excellent service being provided to the State of Michigan.

Sincerely,

  
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