

Mr. Peter Stangel
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
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Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Mr. Stangel

I represent the Chamber of Commerce for Oscoda County, consisting of seven District Communities and over one hundred business members.

We would like to acknowledge our support for the Jack Pine Viewing Tour, Robert Hess from the Michigan D.N.R. and Connie Chaney from the U.S. Forrest Service have worked so hard to initiate.

This is a public project that would be of major importance to tourism, in a county hard pressed for economic growth, and which tourism is the economic base of revenues, for the families in the area. We will be working closely with both Bob and Connie as a Chamber to promote the tour thur our businesses, events, (such as our Kirtland Warbler Festival - outline enclosed) and promotional tourist advertisements. Our advertising would parellel that described by Bob in his letter one thur twelve.

In regards to evaluation, because of our interest in tourism promotion we will be gathering data as well and asking people questions on the tour. We also would like to note we are very sensitive to protecting the Warbler habitat and nesting and want to ensure we don't disturb the birds during the nesting season thus again we coordinate any activities closely with the D.N.R. and U.S. Forrest Service to meet this goal.

As a Chamber we have been working closely with Michigan State Senator John Fridnia and Representative Allan Lowe on this project. They are both very willing to help us promote the auto tour through their channels and work with us in any way possible to help.

In closing thank you for your time in working with Bob Hess on this project, we feel this is a good project to enhance public education and tourism in our area.

Sincerely,



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