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- Woody
- Cooper
- Best
- Brewer
- DeCapita
- Eitner
- Fisher
- Hodgkins
- Kashian
- Kavetsky
- Kubilla
- Mangold
- Millerbach
- Richter
- Seppala
- Stabbe
- Williams
- Wilson
- EW Temps
- PLO
- GILCO
- Reader Board
- Post
- File
- Library
- Toss

Charles Wooley  
United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
2651 Coolidge Road  
East Lansing MI 48823

Dear Mr. Wooley:

The 1996 Kirtland's Warbler Festival was held on May 18 and 19 and included events and activities on the Kirtland Community College campus and in communities in Roscommon, Crawford, Ogemaw, and Oscoda Counties. Approximately 1,300 people participated in the regularly held Kirtland's Warbler Tours as well as other birding and nature tours and seminars.

Under the auspices of the "Partners in Protecting the Jack Pine Ecosystem", the community partnership of business, education, and natural resource managers was successful in establishing a strong foundation for future Festival and educational programs.

Our belief in the benefits of community cooperation has been reinforced by the many new visitors to the area and the national attention our efforts have received. Calls from individuals from throughout the United States and Canada as well as articles in publications such as the Wall Street Journal and national birding magazines have emphasized the environmental and economic importance of the jack pine ecosystem.

The support and participation of United States Fish and Wildlife Service personnel was instrumental in making this partnership work and in making the Festival a success. I particularly appreciated the efforts of Mike DeCapita who oversaw the agency booth and participated in several seminars. The Kirtland's Warbler Tours from Grayling also were important in providing opportunities for visitors and residents to explore the jack pine ecosystem and view the endangered Kirtland's Warbler.

I am pleased with our first year efforts for an expanded Festival and am excited about the opportunities available through the community partnership to use our unique wildlife and natural resources as the basis for educational programs for individuals of all ages, but particularly for children. The participation of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the partnership is very important and much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dorothy N. Franke  
President