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Subject: Kirtland's Warbler Banding/Matedness in UP

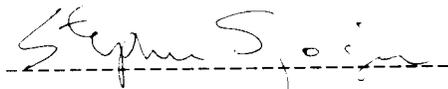
To: Rex Ennis & Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team

To date eight KW's have been located in the Upper Peninsula this year. Six males and one female have been found on the West Unit of the Hiawatha, and one male has been located on the Baraga Plains. In addition one un-confirmed male was heard singing at Whitefish Point in May. One Hiawatha male has leg bands from previous years. At this time we have not completed our census of Hiawatha NF lands. At the winter meeting the KW Recovery Team discussed additional monitoring of UP birds, including determination of matedness, breeding success, and banding of individual UP birds.

Carol Bocetti has offered to assist us with some of this additional monitoring during the week of June 17th. She has specifically offered to assist us in confirming females on territory, and with banding. We would like to monitor and band the KW's at 8-mile, which is 20 miles north on Manistique, on the West Unit of the Hiawatha. This colony has grown from one bird in 1993 to five birds (4 males and 1 female) so far this year. Much of this habitat resulted from the 1987 8-mile wildfire. Since we have made the decision to invest in cowbird trapping it would be beneficial to confirm evidence of nesting. In addition it would help UP managers plan future KW and xeric ecosystem management improvement projects if we had additional information on KW movements, dispersal, source/sink relationships, etc. Additional monitoring would help answer some of these questions.

Before proceeding with this monitoring we had agreed to update the Recovery Team and acquire Team support before proceeding. It would be great if you could reply to this request by Monday or Tuesday, June 18th, as Carol's schedule will allow her to travel to the UP on that Tuesday.

Sincerely,



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