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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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April 3, 2009

Dear Reviewer:

We are pleased to provide you with this Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for Kirtland's Warbler Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

The Kirtland's Warbler WMA was established in 1980 in response to the need for more land dedicated to the recovery of the Kirtland's Warbler. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) established the wildlife management area, in part, due to the recommendations of the Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team. The original goal was to acquire 7,500 acres of land on which habitat would be managed for the benefit of Kirtland's Warbler. At present, the area contains 125 separate tracts totaling 6,684 acres.

The CCP will guide management of the WMA for the next 15 years and will help the WMA meet its purpose and contribute to the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System. The CCP will provide both broad and specific guidance on various issues; describe a vision, goals, and measurable objectives; and list strategies for reaching the objectives.

We invite you to review and comment on the Draft CCP and EA. By sharing your thoughts, you can help ensure that the final CCP is both visionary and practical.

Comments should be addressed to: Seney National Wildlife Refuge, Attention: Kirtland's Warbler WMA CCP Comment, 1674 Refuge Entrance Road, Seney, MI 49883. You may also send comments to us through the Kirtland's Warbler WMA planning website:

<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/kirtland>

To be considered in preparing the Final CCP, comments must be received by May 15, 2009.

We look forward to continuing the dialogue on the future of the WMA, and thank you for your continued interest in keeping this area a special place for wildlife and people.

Sincerely,

Gary Muehlenhardt

Wildlife Biologist/Refuge Planner