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Mr. Rick Amidon  
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Re: NOI Midwest Wind Energy Multi-Species Conservation Plan (MSHCP)

Dear Mr. Amidon,

We are interested in the long-term conservation of listed species that could be affected by wind facilities should they be placed on or near the Hiawatha National Forest. On lands we manage in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, several of the species listed as to be included in the MSHCP, are present. Piping plover and Kirtland's warbler are breeding season residents on the forest. Little brown bat and northern long-eared bat also occur within the forest boundaries. While we do not have specific information at this time, we would appreciate the opportunity to comment or provide data during appropriate times during the development of the MSHCP.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Kirk Piehler, Wildlife Program Manager, at 906.458.5874.

Sincerely,

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Forest Supervisor

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Subject: NOI Midwest Wind Energy Multi-Species Conservation Plan (MSHCP)

Hello,

The Hiawatha National Forest has several of the species listed as to be included in the MSHCP. Piping plover and Kirtland's warbler are breeding season residents on the forest. Little brown bat and northern long-eared bat also occur within the forest boundaries. While we do not have specific information at this time, we would appreciate the opportunity to comment or provide information during appropriate times during the development of the MSHCP.

Thank you.

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