

Appendix 1. Agency roles in implementing the Post-Delisting Monitoring (PDM) Plan for the West Virginia northern flying squirrel (WVNFS).

The role of the Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) West Virginia Field Office (WV Field Office) is to:

- distribute the final PDM Plan to all cooperators;
- coordinate with the Service's Regional Office to secure and award Endangered Species Act section 6 funding for monitoring;
- ensure that methods described in the PDM Plan are followed;
- assist the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources in coordinating trapping and nest box surveys for the WVNFS;
- coordinate a collaborative effort to analyze WVNFS habitat trends rangewide at the end of the PDM period;
- prepare the 5-year interim report on habitat status and management implementation, and the final 10-year Post-Delisting Monitoring (PDM) report on all components of the PDM Plan for distribution to all cooperators and interested parties; and
- coordinate an annual meeting and other meetings or conference calls to discuss monitoring results, their interpretation, and appropriate responses.

The role of the Service's Virginia Field Office is to:

- notify the WV Field Office of any emerging threats to WVNFS or its habitat;
- review and comment on draft interim and final PDM reports; and
- participate in meetings or conference calls to discuss monitoring results, their interpretation, and appropriate responses.

The role of the Service's Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge is to:

- monitor WVNFS on refuge lands;
- prepare brief annual management implementation reports for WVNFS and its habitat;
- notify the WVFO of any emerging threats to WVNFS or its habitat;
- review and comment on draft interim and final PDM reports; and
- participate in meetings or conference calls to discuss monitoring results, their interpretation, and appropriate responses.

The role of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WV Division of Natural Resources) is to:

- continue to monitor WVNFS nest box and live-trap sites in West Virginia;
- compile annual survey results in West Virginia and Virginia;
- maintain the data base for WVNFS capture data and integrate location information into the state's Geographical Information System;
- analyze and prepare a report on WVNFS distribution and persistence at years 5 and 10 of PDM period;
- compile brief annual management implementation reports for WVNFS and its habitat on state lands;
- assist in a collaborative effort to analyze WVNFS habitat status and trends rangewide at the end of the PDM period;

- notify the WV Field Office of any emerging threats to WVNFS or its habitat;
- review and comment on draft interim and final PDM reports; and
- participate in meetings or conference calls to discuss monitoring results, their interpretation, and appropriate responses.

The role of the Virginia Division of Game and Inland Fisheries is to:

- support continued monitoring of WVNFS in Virginia, compile annual survey results and provide to WV Division of Natural Resources;
- notify the WV Field Office of any emerging threats to WVNFS or its habitat;
- review and comment on draft interim and final PDM reports; and
- participate in meetings or conference calls to discuss monitoring results, their interpretation, and appropriate responses.

The role of the Monongahela National Forest is to:

- continue WVNFS monitoring efforts on the Forest;
- compile brief annual management implementation reports for WVNFS and its habitat on the Forest;
- provide ancillary forest health monitoring reports relative to the red spruce/northern hardwood ecosystem, as they are completed pursuant to the Land and Resource Management Plan;
- assist in a collaborative effort to analyze WVNFS habitat status and trends rangewide at the end of the PDM period;
- notify the WV Field Office of any emerging threats to WVNFS or its habitat;
- review and comment on draft interim and final PDM reports; and
- participate in meetings or conference calls to discuss monitoring results, their interpretation, and appropriate responses.

The role of the George Washington National Forest is to:

- support continued WVNFS monitoring efforts on the Forest;
- compile brief annual management implementation reports for WVNFS and its habitat on the Forest;
- notify the WV Field Office of any emerging threats to WVNFS or its habitat;
- review and comment on draft interim and final PDM reports;
- participate in meetings or conference calls to discuss monitoring results, their interpretation, and appropriate responses.

The role of the Forest Service Northern Research Station is to:

- provide technical assistance to other cooperators in analyses of monitoring data, as needed;
- monitor and report on vegetation response of experimental hardwood thinning treatments to release red spruce on various plots in West Virginia;
- support monitoring of nest boxes and tracking radio-tagged WVNFS at Snowshoe Mountain;
- assist in a collaborative effort to analyze WVNFS habitat status and trends rangewide at the end of the PDM period;
- notify the WV Field Office of any emerging threats to WVNFS or its habitat;
- review and comment on draft interim and final PDM reports;

- participate in meetings or conference calls to discuss monitoring results, their interpretation, and appropriate responses.