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IN REPLY REFER TO:
DOI-FWS-2021-001264

April 9, 2021

Via email: foia@biologicaldiversity.org

Ms. Ann Brown
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Dear Ms. Brown:

The U.S. Department of the Interior (Department), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) received your December 14, 2020, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request and assigned it control number DOI-FWS-2021-001264. Please reference this number on any correspondence concerning your request. You requested the following information:

- From September 13, 2019, to the date this search is conducted:
 1. The records generated in connection with the application from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (“MDNR”) to FWS for an Incidental Take Permit (“ITP”) for Canada lynx covering the state trapping program: and
 2. The records generated in connection with the trapping of Canada lynx in Minnesota, prioritizing:
 - i. Emails;
 - ii. Trapping incident forms or reports;
 - iii. Initial complaints or law enforcement reports;
 - iv. Veterinary pathology examinations or necropsy reports; and
 - v. Photos.

RESPONSE

This is the Service’s first interim response to your request. We are releasing, via Fileshare, 50 pdf files consisting of 441 pages and one (1) Excel file in their entirety. We are continuing to review additional records that are responsive to your request.

Because this is an interim response to your request, we will provide notice of your appeal rights in our final response letter.

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If you have any questions about this response, you may contact me by phone at (413) 253-8629 or by email at Eleanor_Mcvey@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

Eleanor McVey
FOIA Coordinator