

April 15, 2015

Mr. Gary Frazer
Assistant Director, Ecological Services
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
1849 C Street, NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Mr. Frazer,

I am writing on behalf of the Threatened and Endangered Species Policy Committee of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies to express our strong interest in having robust and full participation by the state fish and wildlife agencies in the five-year review for Canada Lynx, *Lynx canadensis*. I understand that this review will begin in June of 2015.

State fish and wildlife agencies throughout the U. S. range of Canada Lynx have collected significant new data on the distribution, abundance, and conservation status of this species. We therefore strongly encourage the Service to fully engage these state fish and wildlife agencies in this review process. States which have expressed a particular interest in participating in the five-year review for Canada Lynx include Colorado, Idaho, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New York, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. AFWA's Fish and Wildlife Science Coordinator, Dr. Jonathan Mawdsley, is prepared to assist the Service in contacting lynx biologists and program managers in these states.

Thank you very much in advance for your careful consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nick Wiley".

Nick Wiley
Chair, Threatened and Endangered Species Policy Committee
Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

Cc: Jeff Hagener, Director, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks