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Dave and Ken (et al.):

Per our internal protocol for reporting, I am informing you that I just received confirmation from the USFS RMRS genetics lab in Montana that the animal captured in a foothold trap (but escaped) last winter (12/1/09) near Babbitt was in fact a lynx, as suspected. The incident was previously reported to all parties back in December 2009 – this is just an update to the initial reporting. Recall that a trapper, after watching an animal escape his trap as he approached, contacted Steve Loch (he knew Steve) to come look at the sign around the trap site to see if he thought it was a lynx or bobcat. Steve visited the site and was confident it was a lynx. But we still wanted a genetic confirmation. Regarding chain of custody on the genetic sample that was collected/submitted - Steve Loch collected a hair sample from the trap site when he first visited the area. The sample was later transferred to a DNR CO, then to me for submission to the lab. The lab's report is attached – sample submitted was confirmed as a male lynx, and as new individual to the RMRS genetic database.

Dave – I assume you will notify the plaintiff's of this final conclusion. I've cc'd all others (USFWS, USFS, and others in DNR).

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