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lynx trapping info from MN

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To: Tamara Smith <tamara_smith@fws.gov>

Fri, May 9, 2014 at 2:20 PM

Tamara - I am wrapping up the second EA for the Maine trapping incidental take plan. We hope to have a public comment period for Maine's new plan (July, 2013) and our EA in June.

You probably know that Steve Loch calls here from time to time to talk about lynx and trapping. Lori Nordstrom suggested that I talk with him when we worked on the first EA, and we have continued to correspond since. Steve called yesterday and said that a lynx in MN was recently trapped in a conibear trap in a leaning pole set. This is of particular interest to us in Maine, because we are not sure whether leaning poles exclude lynx from these traps. We have done trials with a captive lynx and it readily climbed every trial we challenged it with.

Do you have details on this incidental take or others in leaning pole sets in MN? If so, would you be willing to share them with me for use in our EA?

Thanks, Mark

P.S. I hear we will be doing a lynx recovery plan sooner than later!

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Smith, Tamara <tamara_smith@fws.gov>
To: "McCollough, Mark" <mark_mccollough@fws.gov>

Mon, May 12, 2014 at 9:14 AM

Hi Mark,

Thanks for writing. I think this is the first I heard of the lynx incident you mentioned. Did Steve give you an approximate date of the incident?

I do not have much information on the last two trapping incidents in MN. There was one lynx who released itself from a marten trap on 12/30/13. I'm waiting for more information on trapping incident that occurred on 2/15/14 - your email is a good reminder to follow up on that. I will let you know when I receive more details.

Would you like a copy of our incidental take database?

Good to hear about the recovery plan!
Thanks,
Tam

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Mon, May 12, 2014 at 3:06 PM

Tamara - would you be willing to share a copy of your incidental take database? perhaps it would include details that would help in our EA.

I assume once we get this HCP done that other states will follow suit.

Thanks, Mark
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Mon, May 12, 2014 at 3:54 PM

Hi Mark,

I've attached an excel file of our database. Several of the entries have supplemental information (emails, etc.) associated with them on file here. Let me know if you are interested in a particular incident and would like the supplemental information.

fyi - There is some personal info. in this database/supplemental info. documents that probably shouldn't be released to the public (we have had to redact a few things out for FOIA requests in the past - personal addresses, etc.)

There hasn't been much talk of the HCP here, but I think that is only because we have been swamped with other high priority things.

Thanks for keeping me in the loop!

-Tam

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Tue, May 13, 2014 at 7:32 AM

Thanks Tamara. I'll get back to you if I have questions on incidental take.

As directed by our regional office, I have been working on the lynx trapping EA exclusive to all other work for the last month. They are concerned that we will not be able to get the work permitted prior to the upcoming trapping season. Lots more to do...complete NEPA, public comments/hearings, findings, permit writing, implementation agreement, and biological opinion.

Mark
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Tue, May 13, 2014 at 8:29 AM

fyi - an update on Maine's trapping ITP EA...
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Lisa Mandell <lisa_mandell@fws.gov>

Tue, May 13, 2014 at 8:49 AM

To: Tamara Smith <tamara_smith@fws.gov>

FYI – on the HCP for MN, my understanding is that it stalled because the RO thought MDNR should prepare the NEPA and MDNR did not think that was their responsibility. As far as I know, the trapping HCP for lynx in MN is sitting on Tom Magnuson's desk and no progress has been made for at least the last few years.

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Tue, May 13, 2014 at 9:40 AM

Thanks, Lisa. Yeah, I've always been a little confused about what exactly was going on. It has been stalled for awhile... since before my time at TCFO. We did talk about it briefly with Tom Landwehr a couple of years ago but nothing came of it as far as I know.

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