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Re: Lynx caught in Michigan

1 message

Parham, Georgia <georgia_parham@fws.gov>

Wed, Mar 20, 2019 at 2:00 PM

To: "Celley, Courtney" <courtney_celley@fws.gov>Cc: "Hicks, Scott" <scott_hicks@fws.gov>, Tim Patronski <tim_patronski@fws.gov>

Thanks Courtney and Scott.

GP

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On Wed, Mar 20, 2019 at 1:24 PM Celley, Courtney <courtney_celley@fws.gov> wrote:

Thanks folks, much appreciated and pretty fascinating! I'll write back to the concerned citizen with Georgia's message.

On Wed, Mar 20, 2019 at 11:44 AM Hicks, Scott <scott_hicks@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Georgia,

I haven't heard from the DNR on this today, so no updates from yesterday. I don't think any conversations have started on what if the animal is unreleasable where next. I think most are optimistic it can be released in area with suitable lynx habitat.

Scott

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On Wed, Mar 20, 2019 at 12:30 PM Parham, Georgia <georgia_parham@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Courtney and Tim, and copying Scott:

DNR has contacted us and we're aware. They are working to figure out if the lynx is wild and dispersed, or perhaps an escaped captive, using their authority under Sect. 6 of ESA. We could respond like this:

Michigan DNR is in contact with us about this lynx. We're communicating with the DNR as they assess the lynx's health, behavior and its origin (captive-bred, wild). We'll continue this communication with DNR as they evaluate the best options for the future for this animal.

Scott - Is it now at the zoo? Is there an update from DNR on their talking points? Just wondering if they would keep the lynx at this zoo if it's determined it is not releasable.

Georgia

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On Wed, Mar 20, 2019 at 11:46 AM Celley, Courtney <courtney_celley@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Georgia, we received the following message on Facebook. I wanted to pass it your way as an FYI and to see if you thought we should respond.

There are a lot of folks interested and concerned in regards to what will be done with this Lynx. I understand the Michigan DNR has contacted your agency. Please advise... <https://www.wxyz.com/news/lynx-caught-in-lower-peninsula-was-first-in-more-than-100-years>