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Re: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Lynx

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Wed, Mar 27, 2019 at 8:44 AM

To: "Hicks, Scott" <scott_hicks@fws.gov>Cc: Sean Marsan <Sean_Marsan@fws.gov>

Thanks for the update. I've thought it highly unlikely this was a wild lynx I'm surprised they'd even want to release into the wild anywhere.

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On Tue, Mar 26, 2019 at 4:25 PM Hicks, Scott <scott_hicks@fws.gov> wrote:

Just fyi, relocating the lynx to MN not going to be option (see below). A lynx was seen in January in NW Indiana and I think that has people especially concerned that this may not have been a wild origin lynx.

Although first impressions from some of the zoo staff is this is not animal that obviously associates people with food.

Still waiting on an all clear on the health (improve condition, eat a few more meals) and hopefully have some insights from the DNA work on origin before deciding what's best option for her.

Scott

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From: **Kennedy, Daniel (DNR)** <KENNEDYD@michigan.gov>

Date: Tue, Mar 26, 2019 at 12:57 PM

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Lynx

To: Hicks, Scott <scott_hicks@fws.gov>, Randi Meyerson <rmeyerson@dzs.org>, Ann Duncan <aduncan@dzs.org>, Straka, Kelly (DNR) <StrakaK1@michigan.gov>, DePue, John (DNR) <DePueJ1@michigan.gov>

FYI

Let's start thinking about suitable sites in the UP. I have meetings this afternoon until 4pm, but am available after that if anyone would like to talk.

Thanks,
Dan

From: Cornicelli, Lou (DNR) <lou.cornicelli@state.mn.us>

Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 11:07:24 AM

To: Kennedy, Daniel (DNR)

Cc: Osmundson, Cynthia L (DNR); Erb, John D (DNR); Baker, Richard (DNR); Telander, Paul B (DNR); Rivers, Pat (DNR); Wilson, Grant (DNR)

Subject: RE: Lynx

Dan,

I had a conversation with my leadership this morning (cc'd here) and the decision was made to not offer a permit to move the animal to Minnesota. Given the questionable origin of the animal, potential disease concerns to wild Lynx, and the low probability of survival, we just don't think this is the best option for this animal.

Please call me if you have any questions,

Lou

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From: Kennedy, Daniel (DNR) <KENNEDYD@michigan.gov>

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 12:00 PM

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Cc: Osmundson, Cynthia L (DNR) <cynthia.osmundson@state.mn.us>; Cornicelli, Lou (DNR) <lou.cornicelli@state.mn.us>; Erb, John D (DNR) <john.erb@state.mn.us>

Subject: RE: Lynx

Thanks Rich – much appreciated!

Lou – can I call you this afternoon – between 330-5pm EST?

Dan

From: Baker, Richard (DNR) <richard.baker@state.mn.us>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 12:10 PM
To: Kennedy, Daniel (DNR) <KENNEDYD@michigan.gov>
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Subject: RE: Lynx

Hi Dan,

Good to talk to you just now. As we discussed, I am going to connect you with Lou Cornicelli, our Wildlife Research and Permits Manager, with whom you can coordinate on this project.

Cynthia and I have already briefed Lou, and he's happy to discuss the details with you.

Lou is at 651-259-5202; lou.cornicelli@state.mn.us. I'm also copying John Erb, our large carnivore biologist, so that he is in the loop.

Best,

Rich

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From: Osmundson, Cynthia L (DNR) <cynthia.osmundson@state.mn.us>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 10:42 AM
To: Kennedy, Daniel (DNR) <KENNEDYD@michigan.gov>; Baker, Richard (DNR) <richard.baker@state.mn.us>
Subject: RE: Lynx

Dan – Wow. I can't answer this question but I will discuss with Rich and one of us will get back to you.

Cynthia

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Subject: Lynx

Importance: High

Cynthia and Rich,

We captured a 1-year old female lynx in Michigan's thumb a week ago. The lynx is currently at the Detroit zoo and is healthy – it was evaluated by the veterinarian at the Detroit zoo. We would like to release the lynx in the wild and, currently, our preferred option would be to release it in MN – where there is an existing lynx population, suitable habitat and prey base.

Do you consider this a viable option? If you're okay with it - Is there paperwork we need to fill out?

I'm in and out of the office today but can be reached on my personal cell: (b) (6). We're trying to make a decision asap – so if you could please give me a call – that would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks!!

Dan

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