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Re: DNR lynx release

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Wed, Mar 27, 2019 at 4:26 PM

To: Scott Hicks <scott_hicks@fws.gov>Cc: "Dingledine, Jack" <jack_dingledine@fws.gov>, Greg McClellan <greg_mcclellan@fws.gov>

Thanks Scott. Jack and I also spoke, which I'm grateful for. You both were very helpful. I briefly looked over the SSA and as you mentioned, MI was likely a temporary home for dispersing lynx and would not contribute to the persistence and conservation of lynx in the future. I will continue to evaluate with my refuge leadership if we can or should be a potential release site for this individual. I'll submit a section 7 for your review if we decide to go forward with it in cooperation with the DNR.

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On Wed, Mar 27, 2019 at 3:44 PM Scott Hicks <scott_hicks@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Sara, I'll send my quick thoughts via email since I'm out. I don't think it should change anything, all the FWS lynx experts I've talked to don't think the UP can sustain lynx (in fact some argued strongly to release in MN, but MN DNR said no). Google the lynx SSA to see where FWS landed on MI.

So whether this lynx gets released on the refuge or not, the refuge is likely occasionally (rarely) temporarily home to dispersing lynx. That's what this animal is. I doubt there's anything you can do on the refuge that is going to meaningful help or hurt (should be NLAAs for lynx whether you allow release or not).

There is some question of origin on this animal you should consider, but based on what the folks at the zoo have said they don't think it's used to being fed by people.

You may also want to talk to John Depue or Dan Kennedy to get the latest and full background.

Scott

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2019, at 3:28 PM, Siekierski, Sara <sara_siekierski@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Scott and Jack,

Terry Minzey from MI DNR called to ask if I would consider releasing the lynx that was captured downstate onto the refuge. Could one of you give me call to discuss this? I'm curious on what the implications/requirements may be and how this may impact our management. I'm in until 4:30 today and I'll be in tomorrow (Thursday) and available outside of 11-12 and 1-2.

Thanks.

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