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Re: Lynx update

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Thu, Apr 11, 2019 at 9:27 AM

Thanks Scott. Good news for the lynx. I agree this is Michigan DNR's story. I'd appreciate a copy of the news release when it's available, just in case we get questions.

Many thanks,
Georgia

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On Thu, Apr 11, 2019 at 9:23 AM Hicks, Scott <scott_hicks@fws.gov> wrote:

Hi Georgia,

Weather permitting, the MDNR plans to release the lynx on Friday in the U.P. This is the lynx that was captured in the thumb area preying on domestic animals a few weeks ago. The genetics came back with a very high probability this is a lynx from MN/Canada. The assessments of the wildlife professionals that have actually observed her in person and interacted with the animal is that she is a wild lynx. She's also come back with a clean bill of health. So everything looks to be a go.

The DNR had wanted to release her on Seney NWR, but they unfortunately had to decline. As such I don't see a need for FWS to do any kind of a press release, this has really been the MDNR and the Detroit Zoo that have stepped up for this animal. When we see the MDNR press release (will only announce after she is released, so likely to come out late on Friday or next week), I'll forward to you in case you get any calls or want to re-post on our social media etc.

We'll keep you posted, but wanted you to have a heads-up. If anything delays the release (weather or other) I'll let you know.

Thanks!
Scott

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