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Re: [EXTERNAL] Fw: Lynx

Zelenak, Jim <jim_zelenak@fws.gov>
To: "Hicks, Scott" <scott_hicks@fws.gov>

Wed, Apr 17, 2019 at 1:13 PM

Thanks Scott.

On Wed, Apr 17, 2019 at 10:35 AM Hicks, Scott <scott_hicks@fws.gov> wrote:

Jim, below is the explanation from MN DNR. I guess they just wanted to be super cautious. That said, the vets at Detroit Zoo gave her a pretty rigorous health exam (blood test, examination when under, de-worming,...) and the wildlife professionals that observed her in-person were confident it was a wild lynx. Our own refuge system in the U.P. turned her down for release on their lands due to some similar concerns as MN. But in any case she's back in the wild now.

The MDNR decided not to put a collar on her (several reasons -- she had already been through a lot, what would really be learned from 1 dispersing lynx, time to get collar/everyone wanted her back to wild asap,...), although not stated, I suspect there was perhaps some concern about what does it mean for other activities if she stayed in MI and they had a collar on her proving she was still in the U.P....

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

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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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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
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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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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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