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Subject: RE: Wolverine sightings in Michigan
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Please don't worry about asking questions. Glad to help and glad to get to still engage a bit on a topic that is more interesting than some others....

After seeing M56 move from Colorado to North Dakota, I don't think it far-fetched to see dispersal over multiple hundreds of miles.

-Bob Inman

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Thanks Bob. I am sorry to pester you, Audrey, and others about these things, but I am, as you know, playing catch-up.

I did contact our Field Office in Michigan, and the story is a bit interesting. Genetic testing was done, including re-testing my Joanna Zigouris, and she determined that the 2010 female was associated with Ontario/Manitoba region. But the biologist I spoke to said that "they" concluded that someone had released this female in Michigan, that is, it couldn't have gotten there on its own. But I don't think we'll ever know whether that is true, or whether the sighting in 2004 was the same animal. I was forwarded emails about this today (dated from 2013), if you're interested, including opinions from Kyle and Zigouris.

I believe your peer review of the proposed rule is in our record, if that's what you are referring to. I will look for this when I get a chance.

If you mean the ESAIWG (WAFWA?) meeting in Colorado a few weeks ago, I was not there, but I several from our Regional Office attended, as was Jodi Bush.

On Tue, May 9, 2017 at 1:26 PM, Inman, Bob <bobinman@mt.gov> wrote:

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Hello Betty,

Interesting that a female lived in that area for that long. I never talked with Jeff Ford about this, but as you may be beginning to see a pattern, Audrey did (the inference being that Audrey is on top of pretty much anything and everything wolverine). The general area is one where I have questioned whether there was some somewhat circular logic used in the series of papers starting with Aubrey et al 2007 and leading to Copeland et al 2010 and Mck 2011. Did you receive a copy of the peer review that I did during 2013?

On another note, were you at the recent meeting in CO about ESA priorities that Bill Van Pelt was organizing? I would be interested to know what was discussed about wolverines.

Hope you are well.

-Bob Inman

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Hi Bob - Were you aware of these two stories about wolverines in Michigan, 2004 and 2010?
Here are the links:

<http://www.nbcnews.com/id/4374309/#.WRDisE2wfcs>

http://www.mlive.com/news/index.ssf/2016/01/no_michigans_first_wolverine_i.html

I will call Michigan DNR tomorrow morning to see if they took samples and conducted genetic analysis of the (now taxidermied) female referenced in the second story to determine where she might have traveled from.

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