

Mr. Verne Dockham

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River Road, RFD
Waterville, Ohio
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Dear Verne:

It was good to hear from you again. I am looking forward to seeing you in June and, wind and weather permitting, I will be at the Hinchman's in the period June 12 to 18. I will be writing you again about the census.

I visited Lansing and Cadillac last week to talk to the Conservation Department people and the National Forest people. At Cadillac we had a long talk about the proposed management plan, although I do not recall that anything new came up. I had written them previously, giving my reactions to their first draft of the plan you are now reading. In order that you may see what I said to them in writing, I am enclosing my file copy. Please return it at your convenience, using the enclosed envelope.

The only point where I think you and I might differ a little is on the matter of public use. I know that the capacity for vandalism for some people is almost incredible (chopping up picnic tables for camp fire^s), but on the other hand, I feel a strong need to make the public aware of this species. To this end, I would like to make the Kirtland's Warbler one of the tourist attractions of the pine country along with the Lumberman's Monument and other such features that are publicized in the tourist literature. Of course, if the people came in armies they would have to be curbed, but even then I believe it could be handled by limiting people to walkways as in a park. Meantime, I think it ought to be sufficient merely to put up educational signs and require only large groups to get special permission to enter. Until people prove to be a problem, I do not think that the system should be inhospitable to the carload of birdwatchers or the casual passerby.

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Dear Harold:

The U. S. Forest Service sent me a draft copy of the management plan project and a te

were three supervisors from the regional office in Milwaukee and one of them, a man now in charge of developing the National Forests for "multiple uses", who for some years in his career was stationed in Michigan, admitted that he had never heard of the bird until this day.

As it was your project, I wished their request for any changes or corrections thought necessary.

The kill of the whooping cranes on the migration route was never effectively curbed until the public at large had been alerted to the problem, partly through circulars distributed to farmers and sportsmen in all the states affected.

I would like to under frequent human element do become better think otherwise.

Thus, I feel the need of advertising the situation of this bird by every means at our disposal and that includes exposing a few of the birds to more people than previously.

In rereading my I can see where I did not quest wonderful memories of the memory faulty in yesteryears.

Yesterday I received a copy of the last issue of the Jack Pine Warbler with Fenn Holden's thorough account of his reasons for pinpointing the location of the first nest discovered by Norman Wood. I will make sure you get a copy one way or another and if it does not come through in a couple of months, follow up on me.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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