



Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team

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Mr. Harold Mayfield
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Dear Harold:

Just a note of interest.

After the field people completed the survey for Kirtland's Warbler habitat, both active and potential areas, they came up with a total of 135,000 acres. This is the total acres found on state and federal forests. There are a few more acres on private lands but I doubt if it amounts to more than a small fraction of the total.

If the search for Kirtland's Warbler habitat is anywhere near complete, and I feel it is, then it appears that the total warbler population never was very large. If all the 135,000 acres of potential and active habitat was in production at one time, it would support about 4,000 pairs. I doubt if all of these potential acres were ever in production at one time. It is my guess that about 2,000 pairs would approach the maximum number ever produced.

So, our goal of 1,000 pairs is probably as much as we can expect to maintain on a sustained basis.

Just thought you would be interested in this piece of information.

Sincerely,

John Byelich, Leader
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