

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team

DATE: February 7, 1979

FROM : Ohio-Michigan Animal Damage Control, through East
Lansing Area Office, Fish and Wildlife Service

SUBJECT: Termination of Red Warning Signs

The Fish and Wildlife Service proposes that use of the red, metal Kirtland's Warbler nesting area warning signs be terminated.

Justification

They are targets of theft and vandalism.

They must be removed from storage, put in place and removed each year, at considerable expense.

The metal poles with signs attached must be stored each winter. Storage space is at a premium.

The forest service has objected informally to the placement of these signs on their lands.

The signs are poorly designed, making them difficult to read quickly.

The signs are not necessary for proper posting of closed nesting areas.

In conclusion, the benefits derived from the use of these signs do not outweigh the time and effort expended.

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