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Dear Tom:

As indicated in my attached memorandum of November 4, 1986, this Department agreed to provide you with the following documentation by December 1, 1986 as a part of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) coordinated Kirtland's Warbler habitat program:

1. Final draft of "Memorandum of Understanding" that is now ready for review by the Federal Solicitor General and the State Attorney General.
2. Certified list of improvements and disposal plan for 24 improvements on lands acquired to date.
3. Confirmation that DNR would honor initial commitment to complete a land exchange consistent with Item III, C-1, as attached.
4. Certified list of Land Acquisition Priorities.

We apologize for the long delay due to various problems in developing the revised Land Acquisition Priority List received February 23, 1987. This list will enable your staff to continue with the next phase of the acquisition utilizing the \$300,000 expected to be appropriated for the Kirtland Warbler program in Michigan.

It was good to learn that your appraiser was able to look at the Seney lands and that he has been in communication with Adrian Jentoft, Regional Property Specialist, regarding the proposed land exchange there.

For your information, Karl Hosford, former Chief of the Land Resource Programs Division, will assume the role of Chief, Wildlife Division on April 1, 1987. I plan to brief Karl on the status of the Kirtland's Warbler program and request that he and his staff assume the responsibility of further coordinating the program with your agency.

Mr. Thomas F. Follrath

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It would be appreciated if notification of lands acquired by FWS continue to be directed to my attention. My staff will arrange for dissemination of this information to the appropriate Department personnel.

Finally I would like to thank the FWS for the major contributions made to the Kirtland's Warbler program and specifically I would like to commend your staff for the efficient and professional manner in which the program is administered.

Sincerely,



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INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

November 4, 1986

TO: John Eadie, U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Minnesota
Tom Follrath, U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Minnesota
Len Schumann, U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, East Lansing
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FROM: Roland Harmes, Chief, Lands Division *Roland Harmes*

SUBJECT: Kirtland's Warbler Habitat Program

Thank you for your participation on October 30, 1986 to review progress that has been made between our agencies toward acquisition of 7,700 acres of Kirtland's Warbler habitat in Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

Following are the highlights as I noted them. Please contact me if I have missed any important items that need further action.

- I. Kirtland's Warbler Population Report
Gary Boushelle reported that 210 pairs of Kirtland's Warbler nested in 1986. He also gave a progress report on where the DNR was in relation to the existing management plan to manipulate ground cover.
- II. Status FY 1986-87 Federal Funding
Tom Follrath advised that +\$300,000 was potentially available for new Kirtland's Warbler habitat purchases. Tom feels that +\$225,000 could be obligated immediately as a result of prior owner contacts and work done on the existing land acquisition priority list.
- III. Status of June 1986 Assignments
 - A. Certified List of Improvements and Disposal Plan
Len Schumann reviewed list with identification of 24 improvements that are scheduled for sale, demolition or to be burned. U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) wishes to retain improvements on property known as Oscoda Oakland Club for further consideration. Dave Spaulding advised that USFWS may need to obtain air quality permits from DNR prior to burning any of the improvements. Gary Boushelle agreed to commit DNR equipment and resources to assist USFWS with disposal of improvements.

