

SYNOPSIS

For the last 11 years, the Michigan Department of Military Affairs (MDMA), has maintained a good working relationship with the Kirtland's warbler Recovery Team and its member agencies, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR), U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, National Biological Service and other associated organizations. During this period MDMA has worked with the Team to develop a management plan that set aside approximately 4,000 acres for KW habitat management, provided \$90,000 for development of a KW population modeling program and assisted with the annual census. Most recently, MDMA and MDNR signed an agreement that would allow some habitat to develop on military lands, under restrictions that would not negatively impact training but would provide habitat needed for a continuing increase in the population. This period of cooperation has seen an increase in the census count from 210 singing males in 1986 to 733 counted in 1997.

CHRONOLOGY

- 1986 - Management Agreement setting aside approximately 4,000 acres of Camp Grayling for Kirtland's habitat management and allowing MDMA to prevent regeneration of habitat in areas of potential conflict.
- 1990 - Biological Opinion by U.S.F&WS concurring with prevention of habitat regeneration on Camp Grayling.
- 1995 - MDMA, through funding by NGB, provides \$90,000 for development of KW population dynamics computer modeling program.
- 1996 - MDMA proposes to allow certain habitat to regenerate on Camp Grayling under restrictions that do not significantly impact training.
- 1997 - Biological Opinion by U.S.F&WS concurring with Camp Grayling proposal and granting incidental take. Management ammendment signed with MDNR.
- Annually - Assist with KW census.