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At the winter 1990 Kirtland's Warbler Recovery Team meeting a recommendation was made to coordinate a field review of current jack pine planting techniques for critical Kirtland's Warbler habitat. Several techniques are being implemented to enhance the stocking densities. The Michigan DNR and Forest Service have scheduled this cooperative field review of Kirtland's Warbler plantings for Tuesday and Wednesday May 8 and 9, 1990. A sight specific agenda (enclosed) has been developed which includes areas managed by Michigan DNR and the Forest Service. Accommodations have been made to start at the Ralph A. MacMullan Center on May 8 at 10:00 a.m. Overnight lodging will be available at the MacMullan Center, which will include an evening meal and breakfast.

This review is being planned to provide the opportunity for district rangers, assistant rangers, technicians, wildlife biologists, and others to view ongoing implementation activities for development of Kirtland's Warbler habitat. Open discussions will be encouraged to enhance understanding of each treatments objectives. We are also planning on incorporating stops to view some areas currently containing the best habitat from an occupancy standpoint, discuss options for management of areas recently succeeded out of acceptable habitat, and concerns of visual management when implementing Kirtland's Warbler habitat management objectives.

We are looking forward to this very important exchange of ideas and technology.

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