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Dear Partner in Wildlife, Fish, and Rare Plants Conservation:

I am pleased to inform you of three products and tools to support Wildlife, Fish, and Rare Plants (WFRP) conservation on the National Forests and Grasslands that are now available on the internet for use by both partners and the general public.

We recently released our new Wildlife, Fish, Endangered Species, and NatureWatch Programs Electronic Partnership Report. This report was developed to thank you – our partners – for your contributions, and to show you and others a small sample of the thousands of partnership accomplishments in recent years. It also introduces a unique, electronic, way for us to communicate our joint accomplishments and encourage more collaboration. Just click on the link to view the new electronic report and see for yourself some of the wonderful work done with your help. Feel free to e-mail the report URL to anyone you believe may be interested in seeing these accomplishments.

You can now access the entire <u>WFRP-MS</u> database for FY 2004 and FY 2005, which has all the accomplishment, opportunity, and expenditure reports for WFRP resources. The "WFRP-MS on the Internet" is an electronic database that provides Forest Service partners and interested members of the public with an opportunity to see what is being accomplished to protect, enhance, and restore wildlife and fisheries habitat and populations located within your National Forests and Grasslands. The WFRP-MS also provides information specific to the Forest Service's NatureWatch Program, which is designed to encourage viewing wildlife, fish, and wildflowers; implement educational projects and programs; and promote habitat conservation.

An important feature of the WFRP-MS allows you to search for projects not only by National Forest or Grassland location, but also by species or species group, type or amount of accomplishment, partner name, or keyword, to name few search categories. You can search the out-year opportunities to assess where you or your organization can partner with us to help achieve mutual habitat management objectives and environmental education outreach.

Please use the link provided to explore the WFRP-MS. It will provide you with an inside look at what is being accomplished on your National Forests and Grasslands, much of it with your assistance. In FY 2005, partners contributed over \$38 million in funds and in-kind assistance, through over 2,100 different conservation partnership projects.

We also have released our new electronic photo library, titled <u>Find a Photo</u>, to our partners and general public. Find a Photo was developed to collect, organize, and share the photographs of NatureWatch, Wildlife, Fish, and Endangered Species projects and resources. It currently contains over 3,000 copyright-free photographs that were taken by Forest Service employees. A search attribute allows you to find photographs of species, habitat management, research,





NatureWatch viewing sites, and environmental education programs. Photo subject information, photographer, and location (with a link to the National Forest or Grassland) are given for each photo. These photographs may be freely used for brochures, reports, presentations, websites, calendars, etc. None of the photographs may be used for profit.

I thank you for both your interest and very important assistance in these joint conservation efforts. More information, links to the Partnership Report, WFRP-MS database, and the Find a Photo library can also be found at our Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Air and Rare Plants website.

Sincerely,

/s/ Frederick Norbury (for)

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<u>URL's of Sites Given</u> Electronic Partnership Report

http://wwwnotes.fs.fed.us:81/wo/wfrp/WFWPartnerships.nsf

WFRP-MS Database

http://www.fs.fed.us/biology/managementsystem/index.html

Find a Photo Library

http://wwwnotes.fs.fed.us:81/wo/wfrp/find_a_photo.nsf

WFWARP Staff Website

http://www.fs.fed.us/biology/index.html