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Agencies seek information on missing lynx

A radio-collared lynx that was part of a research project is missing. Lynx “03” was captured on August 28 near Ely as a part of a three-year study being conducted by the USDA Forest Service and the Natural Resources Research Institute (NRRI) at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

Radio monitoring showed that she stayed near the Ely area for about two weeks after being captured, and then began moving generally northwest. Her final location, south of Little Fork, Minn., was about 50 miles from the capture site, with 11 locations documenting her movement path.

“Because she was female and may have had kittens, she was especially important to our study,” said Ed Lindquist, wildlife biologist for the Superior National Forest, “and since the Canada lynx is a threatened species, they’re all valuable and protected under the Endangered Species Act. We are also very interested in lynx movements, so it is important to determine what happened to this animal.”

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking information leading to the resolution of what happened to this lynx. Calls are being taken at 651-778-8360, ext. 15.

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