

THIS DOCUMENT WILL SERVE AS A
"LETTER OF COOPERATION"

BETWEEN the Province of Manitoba and the State of Minnesota to support the development of an International Birding Trail between the two jurisdictions.

- There is strong support within both jurisdictions to expand the existing Pine to Prairie Birding Trail (running from Fergus Falls to Warroad, Minnesota) through south-eastern Manitoba, the southern Interlake Region to Hecla Grindstone Provincial Park.
- The proposed route of the Manitoba portion of the International Birding Trail has been evaluated by both Manitoba's Watchable Wildlife Working Group and the Department of Natural Resources staff of the State of Minnesota to determine compatibility and marketability of each portion of the Trail.
- This "Letter of Cooperation" is considered by both parties to be the first step towards formal agreement for the establishment of an International Birding Trail between the two jurisdictions, as well as a commitment to future joint operational and marketing initiatives.
- A full formal agreement on the establishment of an International Birding Trail is to be executed through a joint announcement scheduled for May 19, 2009 at the Detroit Lakes Birding Festival.

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Original signed by

Province of Manitoba

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Department of Natural Resources,
State of Minnesota