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NOTE TO ALL BANDERS
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To: All Banders

From: Chief, Bird Banding Laboratory

Subjects:

1. Reminder on Permit Renewals
2. Electronic Report-to-Bander
3. Bandit Help Desk Telephone Line

1. Reminder on Permit Renewals

As mentioned in MTAB 89 and MTAB 90, it is the responsibility of the Master Bander to submit a signed application for renewal (and any delinquent data) 30 days prior to the expiration of the permit. Since the implementation of this procedure is new, out of courtesy we decided to send a reminder to you for this first time. If we don't hear back from you, your permit will be inactivated. If you have any questions, please refer to MTAB 89 and 90 at <http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/bbl/mtab/mtab.htm>.

2. Electronic Report-to-Bander.

As we mentioned in the November MTAB, we are sending the Report-to-Bander electronically to all banders who have valid e-mail addresses. A .pdf file will be attached that can be printed. The first electronic reports went out December 12, 2006. Please be sure that you keep your contact information current (see the April and November 2006 MTABs). Only Master Banders and responsible individuals for Station permits receive the Report-to-Bander so please forward copies to subpermittees or others under your permit who may wish to see the report.

3. Telephone for Bandit Help Desk

As of February 5, 2007 the Bird Banding Laboratory will have a telephone number for Bandit help – 301-497-5566. It will be operational on Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm Eastern time.