



STATE OF VERMONT
JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: James Reardon, Commissioner of Finance & Management
From: Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst
Date: September 8, 2009
Subject: JFO #2389, #2390, #2391

No Joint Fiscal Committee member has requested that any of the following items be held for review:

JFO #2389 — \$10,000 gift from Charles C. Johnson to the General Fund. These funds were a bequest made pursuant to the grantor's last will and testament.
[JFO received 8/6/09]

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[JFO received 8/6/09]

In accordance with 32 V.S.A. §5, the requisite 30 days having elapsed since these items were submitted to the Joint Fiscal Committee, the Governor's approval may now be considered final. We ask that you inform the Secretary of Administration and your staff of this action.

cc: R. J. Elrick, Executive Director
Wayne Laroche, Commissioner



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JOINT FISCAL OFFICE

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To: Joint Fiscal Committee Members
From: Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst
Date: August 12, 2009
Subject: Grant Requests

Enclosed please find three (3) requests that the Joint Fiscal Office has received from the administration:

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The Joint Fiscal Office has reviewed these submissions and determined that all appropriate forms bearing the necessary approvals are in order. In accordance with the procedures for processing such requests, we ask you to review the enclosed and notify the Joint Fiscal Office (Nathan Lavery at (802) 828-1488; nlavery@leg.state.vt.us) if you have questions or would like an item held for Joint Fiscal Committee review. Unless we hear from you to the contrary by August 26 we will assume that you agree to consider as final the Governor's acceptance of these requests.

cc: James Reardon, Commissioner
R. J. Elrick, Executive Director
Wayne Laroche, Commissioner

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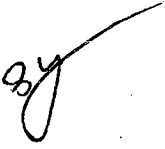
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Department:		ANR Dept. of Fish and Wildlife			
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Federal Catalog #:		N/A			
Grant/Donor Name and Address:		Justin Lindholm (landowner) P.O. Box 6166, Rutland, VT 05702			
Grant Period:		From:		To:	
Grant/Donation		\$55,500 (reduction from appraised market value)			
	SFY 1	SFY 2	SFY 3	Total	Comments
Grant Amount:	\$55,500	\$	\$	\$	in-kind
Position Information:		# Positions	Explanation/Comments		
		0			
Additional Comments:					
Department of Finance & Management		7/27/09	GMY	(Initial)	
Secretary of Administration		7-27-09	JNFC	(Initial)	
Sent To Joint Fiscal Office				Date	

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**Department of Fish and Wildlife
Business Office
103 South Main Street
10 South
Waterbury, VT 05671-0501
802-241-3704**

To: Jason Aronowitz, Budget Analyst
Finance & Management

From: Sherri A. Yacono, Business Manager 

Date: May 26, 2009

Subject: AA-1: Land donation – Bird Mountain WMA addition

Please find attached the AA-1 package for the above subject. The Department of Fish and Wildlife is purchasing a 130 acre parcel of land located in the Town of Ira at 75% of its appraised value. The 25% of the appraised value (\$55,500) is being donated to the Department. This donation will be used as the State match to purchase the land.

Thank you for your assistance. If there are any questions, please call me at 241-3704.

Attachments

Cc: Jane Lazorchak
Steve Chadwick

S/H used new form OK for this one only

STATE OF VERMONT
 REQUEST FOR GRANT ACCEPTANCE
 (use additional sheets as needed)

FORM AA-1
 (Rev. 9-90)

- 1. Agency: Agency of Natural Resources
- 2. Department: Fish & Wildlife
- 3. Program: Fisheries Division
- 4. Legal Title of Grant: Donation of land value in Ira VT
- 5. Federal Catalog No.:
- 6. Grantor and Office Address: Justin Lindholm, land owner

7. Grant Period: From: To:

8. Purpose of Grant: (attach additional sheets if needed)
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9. Impact on Existing Programs if Grant is not Accepted:
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10. Budget Information: (1st State FY) (2nd State FY) (3rd State FY) (4th State FY)
 FY 2009

EXPENDITURES:

Personal Services	\$				
Operating Expenses	\$	55,500			
Grants	\$				
TOTAL	\$	55,500	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

REVENUES:

<u>State Funds:</u>					
Cash	\$	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$	\$	\$	\$	
<u>Federal Funds:</u>					
(Direct Costs)	\$	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$	0
(Statewide Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	\$	
(Department Indirect)	\$	\$	\$	\$	
<u>Other Funds:</u>					
F & W Funds - Duck Stamp Fund	\$	\$	\$	\$	
In-Kind	\$	55,500	\$	\$	
Misc. Outside Match	\$	\$	\$	\$	
TOTAL	\$	55,500	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

Appropriation Nos.
 612000000

Amounts
 \$55,500

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11. Will grant monies be spent by one or more personal service contracts?

YES NO

If YES, signature of appointing authority here indicates intent to follow current guidelines on bidding.

X

12a. Please list any requested Limited Service positions:

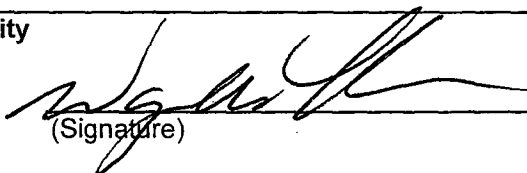
Titles	Number of Positions
TOTAL Positions	0

12b. Equipment and space for these positions:

- Is presently available.
- Can be obtained with available funds.

13. Signature of Appointing Authority

I certify that no funds have been expended or committed in anticipation of Joint Fiscal Committee approval of this grant.



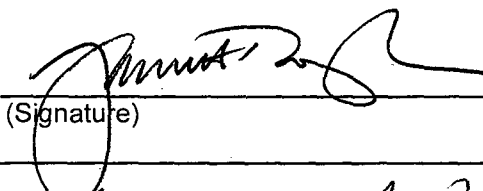
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(Date)

Wayne A. Laroche, Commissioner
(Title)

14. Action by Governor:

- Approved
- Rejected



(Signature)

7/30/09

(Date)

15. Secretary of Administration:

- Request to JFO
- Information to JFO



(Signature)

7.27.09

(Date)

16. Action by Joint Fiscal Committee:

(Dates)

- Request to be placed on JFC agenda
- Approved (not placed on agenda in 30 days)
- Approved by JFC
- Rejected by JFC
- Approved by Legislature

(Signature)

(Date)

Department of Fish and Wildlife

Addition to Bird Mountain Wildlife Management Area, Ira, Vermont

Description of Project

The addition of this 130-acre parcel located in the Town of Ira to the Bird Mountain WMA will provide permanent protection of public access for hunting, trapping, wildlife viewing, and the conservation of significant wildlife habitat (See Exhibit 1 for a map of the parcel). Bird Mountain Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is a 640-acre parcel of land owned by the State of Vermont and managed by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department. The WMA is located approximately six miles west of the city of Rutland. It lies within three towns including 175 acres in Ira, 115 acres in Castleton, and 350 acres in Poultney. The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department purchased this land in 1976. The WMA's name is derived from the prominent 2,216-foot rock outcrop known as "Birdseye Mountain." A portion of this mountain is publicly owned and occupies the northeast corner of the WMA. The remainder of the mountain is Justin Lindholm's property, the parcel of interest here.

Bird Mountain WMA is situated within the Western Foothills physiographic region, which has one of the mildest climates in the state. The topography of the parcel ranges from fairly level former pasture and farmland to the steep talus slopes of Birdseye Mountain. The mountain overlooks a mix of hardwoods that include red and sugar maple, yellow and paper birch, beech and aspen that covers about 70% of the WMA. The remainder is comprised of white pines and remnant fields. Peregrine falcon nests on the steep rocky ledges of Birdseye Mountain. The historic nesting was one reason for the Department's purchase of this parcel. Now, the nest is actually thought to occur on Justin Lindholm's property.

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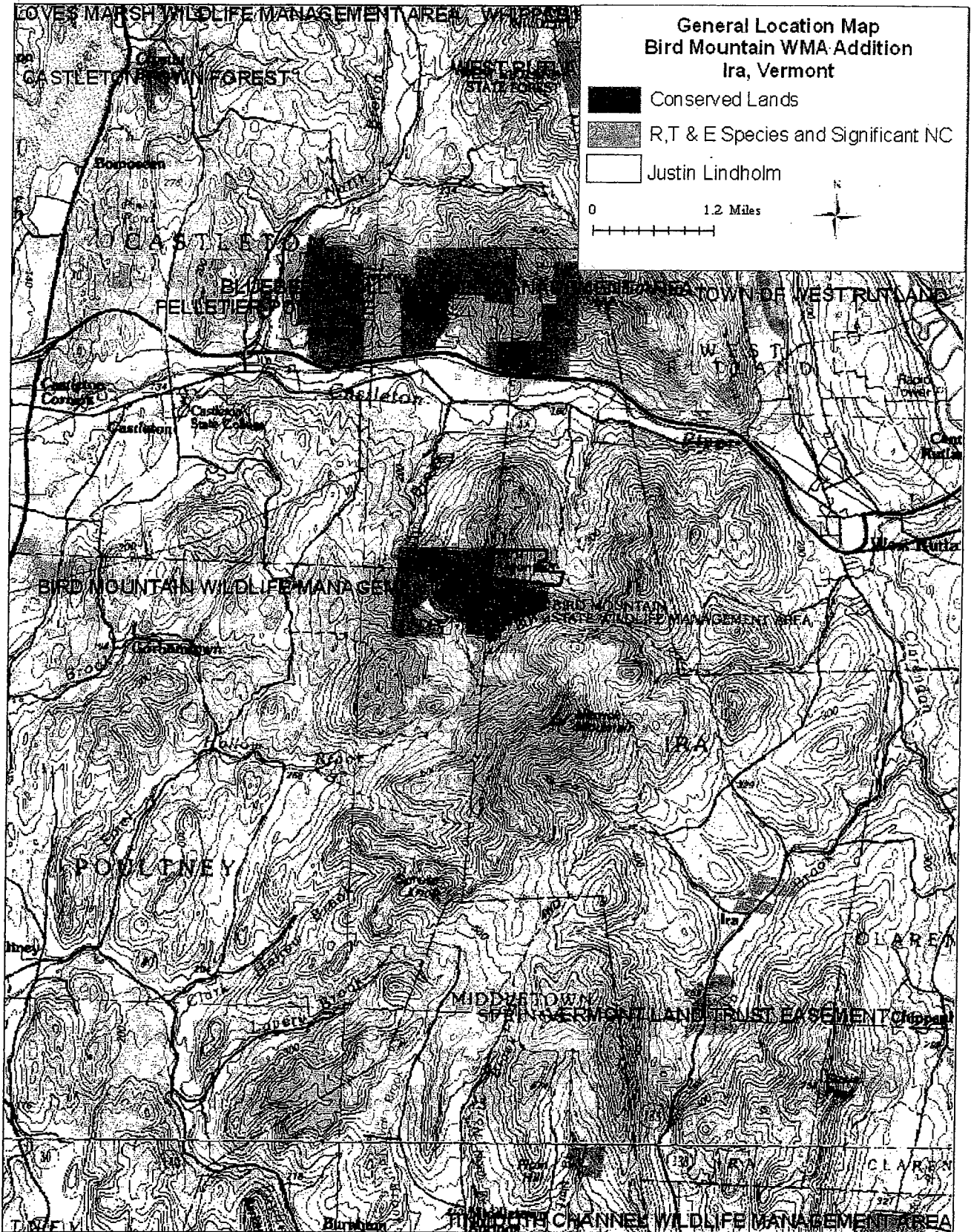
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appraisal, survey, title work and closing costs. Funding for this acquisition will come from Pittman Robertson funds provided to the Department from the U.S. fish and Wildlife Service for the management and development of Wildlife Management Areas. These funds will be matched by the appraised value of the property and the bargain sale price of 75% of that appraisal being provided by the landowner who is interested in having the land conserved and added to the existing Department Bird Mountain Wildlife Management Area. This results in 25% of the appraised value or \$55,500 being donated to the Fish and Wildlife Department.

This project has already been reviewed and approved by the Agency's Land Acquisition Review Committee at their meeting in December, 2008. In addition, Department staff met with the town of Ira on April 6, 2009. The town of Ira unanimously supports the Department purchasing this parcel.

Exhibit 1. Map of proposed land acquisition in Ira.





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Agency of Natural Resources

Jane Lazorchak
LIP Coordinator/ Botanist
Vermont Fish and Wildlife Dept.
5 Perry Street Suite 40
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Re: Donation of land value in sale of Lindholm parcel at Bird Mountain WMA

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The sale price is \$163,500. I am aware that the appraised fair market value of the property is \$219,000. I intend the difference between the sale prices and the appraised values to be a gift of land value to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Sincerely,

Justin Lindholm





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MEMORANDUM

To: Representative David Deen

From: Nathan Lavery, Fiscal Analyst

Date: August 12, 2009

Subject: JFO #2390

Representative Michael Obuchowski asked that I forward to you a copy of the enclosed grant materials and cover memo. He requests your observations regarding the enclosed item.

cc: Rep. Michael Obuchowski
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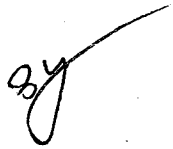
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Grant Period:		From:	To:		
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Department of Finance & Management		7/27/09	SJM	(Initial)	
Secretary of Administration		7-27-09	JNFC	(Initial)	
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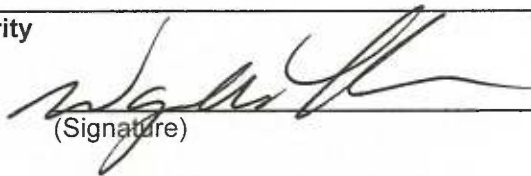
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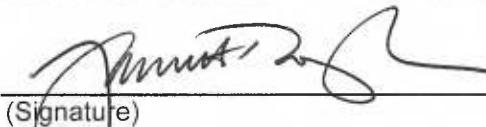
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- Approved
- Rejected



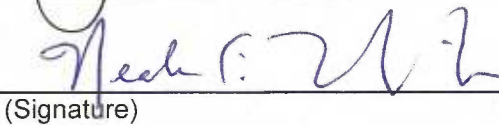
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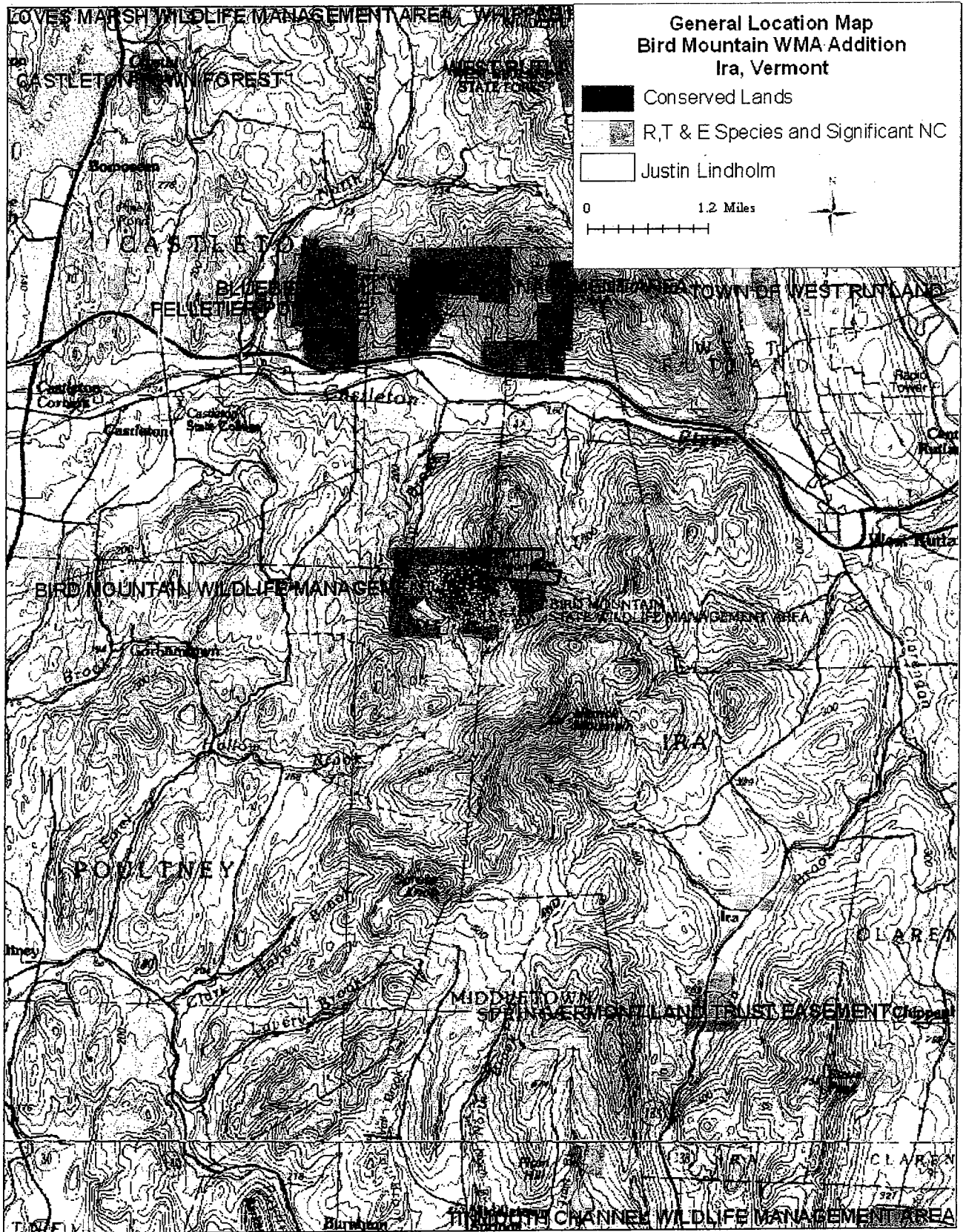
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