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Dead River Storage Basin Property Owners
Marquette County, Michigan

To Our Friends and Neighbors of the Dead River Storage Basin:

Dead River Hydroelectric Project – Article 411: Wildlife Management Plan
RE: Wildlife Nesting Structure Usage and Maintenance Inquiry

Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO) maintains numerous wildlife nesting structures dispersed throughout the project area as part of its Wildlife Management Plan for the Dead River Hydroelectric Project. Many of these structures, however, are located on private property, and your assistance is required to effectively monitor their usage and physical condition. You are receiving this letter because as a property owner on the Dead River Basin, you may have a structure located on your property.

There is a link to wildlife nesting structure survey provided at the bottom of this letter. The survey includes questions on the usage and physical condition of the structure and should be filled out by the property owner. Participation in conservation efforts is always appreciated and encouraged. For those of you who responded with interest in receiving structures in last year's survey, we are still working through getting those out to everyone. If you haven't received yours yet, we should be out by this fall to put those up and we appreciate your patience.

Please provide as much information as possible regarding any wildlife activity you have observed at your nesting structure, the structure location, and a description of any repairs or maintenance that may be necessary. If you have any additional information you'd like to share, please feel free to use the field provided at the bottom of the survey.

Lastly, to ensure your personal safety and the safety of any wildlife that may be utilizing the nesting structures, UPPCO recommends that you gently tap the base of the structure with a stick or a similar extension prior to your inspection. Be wary of bees, wasps, and other stinging insects, and do not attempt to remove them from the structure.

If you have any questions about this process, the information you are being asked to provide, or how to fill out the survey, please feel free to contact me directly by phone at (906) 485-2482 or (906) 250-5238 or by email at mannala@uppc.com. UPPCO greatly values your participation in this program and hopes to garner as much information about these structures as you may be able to provide. Thank you for your continued support of UPPCO's efforts to preserve and protect wildlife in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

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Regards,

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