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Dear Mike,

Thank you for mediating and allowing us access to your land over the past summer to conduct our ongoing research into declining starling populations. This work is the first step in identifying the reasons for the decline of this once common species and hopefully through more study we can come to a solution to reverse this decline.

We will be in contact again next spring to monitor the nest boxes we have put up to check for breeding success and map the habitat conditions in some detail, to see if this differs between areas that have lost their starlings and areas where starlings persist.

I enclose a map of the land showing the position of the 6 nest boxes we have put up and the species of tree they are in. They are all easy to observe and should be obvious especially this coming winter and next spring when the trees have dropped their leaves.

Any questions please don’t hesitate in contacting me or my college Dave Buckingham who is overseeing this project.

Kind regards

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