



# Northern Spotted Owl Interagency Working Group (NSOIWG) Update



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# Presentation Overview

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- Formation
- Purpose
- Actions
- Ongoing Meeting Topics
- California Endangered Species Act Updates
- Future Actions

# Formation

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- Small landowner concerns regarding NSO prompted series of meetings
  - The Buckeye, CDFW, CNRA, CAL FIRE – August 2015
  - Arcata USFWS, CDFW, CNRA, CAL FIRE – August 2015
  - Yreka USFWS, CDFW, CNRA, CAL FIRE – January 2016
- Perceived lack of communication among agencies
- Formed NSOIWG with CDFW, CAL FIRE, and USFWS

# NSOIWG Purpose

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Promote recovery of the NSO by facilitating interagency understanding and communications

# Actions

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- Meet regularly to discuss current topics and issues
- Share and use the best available science
- Develop recommendations, guidance, and protocols
- Training for agency staff
- Resolve Spotted Owl Database issues
- Seek ideas from stakeholders and subject experts
- Outreach and education
- Promote compliance with statutes, regulations, and policies

# Ongoing Meeting Topics

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- Post-fire habitat use
- Potential impacts of Emergencies and Exemptions
- Spotted Owl Database issues
- Agency roles and responsibilities

# CA Endangered Species Act Updates

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- NSO protected as threatened under CESA
- Outcomes of listing process
  - NSO Stakeholder Forum
  - Barred Owl Science Team (BOST)
  - Clarified agency roles
  - Renewed interest in reviewing FPRs

# Future Actions

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- Help inform regulation changes
- Submit proposals to Effectiveness Monitoring Committee
- Provide NSO guidance to landowners
- Training/workshops



