

Northern Spotted Owl Interagency Working Group

Purpose Statement

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Staff of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CALFIRE) formed the Northern Spotted Owl Interagency Working Group (NSOIWG) in 2016. The goal of the NSOIWG is to promote recovery of the Northern Spotted Owl in California by facilitating interagency understanding and communications.

To achieve this goal, the NSOIWG will:

- Meet regularly to discuss current topics and issues
- Share and use the best available science
- Develop clear and consistent recommendations, guidance, and protocols
- Plan and implement training for agency staff on evaluation of survey effort, survey data, and habitat in relation to timber operations on California's state and private lands
- Address various database and northern spotted owl-related data issues
- Seek input and information from stakeholders and subject experts
- Provide outreach and education to the public
- Promote compliance with statutes regulations and policies pertinent to northern spotted owl conservation

Involvement: Staff scientists, forest practice inspectors, and managers within state and federal regulatory agencies involved with northern spotted owl issues in California. Agency contacts for NSOIWG are:

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Schedule: Meetings will be held approximately once every other month. Meeting topics will be prioritized based on need and interest, and may include presentations by agencies or invited subject matter specialists. Field trips will be scheduled as needed.