CDFW UPDATE

Northern Spotted Owl Stakeholder Forum
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CDFW Update Outline

- General CDFW Updates
- Spotted Owl Observations Database
- NSO Pre-Consultations for Timber Operations
- Post-Fire Timber Operations Guidance
- Programmatic SORP
- Safe Harbor Agreements (SHAs)
- Cannabis Cultivation & NSO

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General Updates

- Chuck Bonham re-confirmed as Director June 2019

- California Endangered Species Act Updates
  [https://fgc.ca.gov/CESA](https://fgc.ca.gov/CESA)

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<td>4 Bumble Bee Species</td>
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Spotted Owl Observations Database

Management Framework online

Spotted Owl Observations Database

- New Symbology
NSO Pre-Consultations for Timber Operations

- Timberland Conservation Program staff available for NSO pre-consultation and consultation
  - www.wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/timber/

- Involves review and feedback on:
  - Survey station placement
  - Habitat typing
  - Proposed protection measures
  - Various site-specific issues

- Conducted ~ 25 NSO consultations on the coast in 2018

- Early requests (before February busy season) are better

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Post-Fire Timber Operations Guidance

- Guidance for determining post-fire presence of NSO and pre-consulting with CDFW
- Applies to the interior of Northern California
- NOT a regulation or requirement
- Available online: https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=159380&inline
Programmatic Spotted Owl Resource Plan (SORP)

- Regional plan for Northeast California
- CDFW staff working with CAL FIRE and USFWS
Safe Harbor Agreements (SHAs)

- Federal SHAs with Consistency Determinations from CDFW
- Consistency Tips
  - *Include CDFW in SHA planning*
- Examples of Net Conservation Benefits
  - *Increasing nesting/roosting habitat*
  - *Retaining older trees*
  - *Providing structural diversity*
Cannabis Cultivation & NSO

- Potential impacts to NSO
  - Secondary poisoning from rodenticides
  - Habitat fragmentation and loss from forest conversion
  - Noise and light pollution that may disrupt normal behaviors
Cannabis Cultivation & NSO

- CDFW recommendations
  - Avoid pesticides
  - Follow USFWS guidance documents
  - Reduce or omit security lights & other artificial lighting
  - Attenuate noise