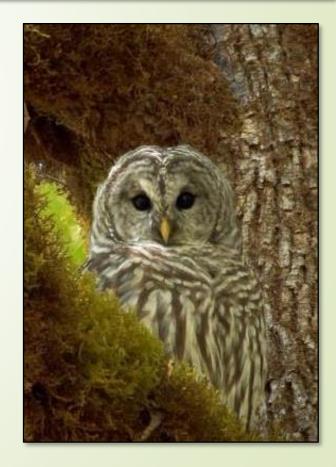# Barred Owl Management Strategy Update

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Barred Owl Management Strategy

➤ *Recovery Action 29: Design and implement large-scale control experiments to assess the effects of barred owl removal on spotted owl site occupancy, reproduction, and survival.*

➤ *Recovery Action 30: Manage to reduce the negative effects of barred owls on spotted owls.*

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Revised Recovery Plan for the **Northern Spotted Owl** (*Strix occidentalis caurina*)

Barred Owl Management Strategy

- **Two step process**
  - **Define our approach to the Management Strategy**
  - **Develop the Management Strategy**

Barred Owl Management Strategy

▶ **Decision document (USFWS)**

▶ **Range of NSO and CSO**

▶ **All lands (Federal and non-federal)**

▶ **Variable approaches in space and time**

Barred Owl Management Strategy

- **Variable approaches in space and time**
  Could include one or all of the following
  - **Mapped specific locations for removal**
  - **Mapped landscape areas**
  - **Rules for selecting areas**
  - **Recommendations for selecting areas**

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- **Convened teams** to begin the process.

- Federal, State, and Tribal representatives.
- Gathering information and developing a working process to begin the work.

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▶ **develop a framework within which <u>effective management</u> of the invasive barred owl can be <u>efficiently implemented</u> to <u>reduce threats </u>to the northern and California spotted owl and contribute to their survival and recovery into the future.**

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- **Teams will**
  - **Consider all approaches to barred owl management, not just removal**
  - **Conduct robust public outreach**
  - **Provide options to management, complete with analyses**
  - **Conduct NEPA and other compliance work**

Barred Owl Management Strategy
Very Draft Timeline

- **October/November 2020** - Core Development Team, Coordination Team, and Compliance subteam convene

- **March/April 2021** - Develop general approaches for Strategy. Determine potential level compliance work required. Begin outreach.

- **October 2021** - Complete draft Strategy, draft NEPA and other draft compliance documents. Public Outreach.

- **March 2022** - Complete development of Strategy and compliance, including NEPA.

- **June 2022** - Decision on Strategy, finalization of documentation, work on implementation.

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Questions?