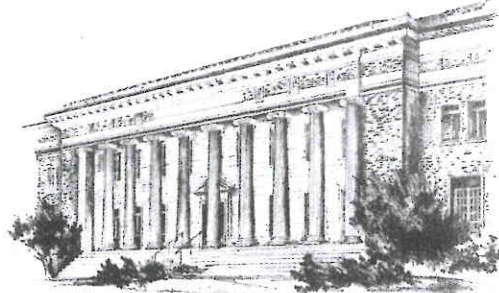


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April 15, 2014

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
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**RE: PROPOSED RULE/DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT/DRAFT
ECONOMIC ANALYSIS- REVISED CRITICAL HABITAT FOR THE NORTHERN
SPOTTED OWL**

Dear California Department of Fish and Wildlife,

The Tehama County Board of Supervisors received notice of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's intent to list Northern spotted owl as endangered or threatened species and to designate Critical Habitat areas for the special status species.

The Tehama County Board of Supervisors firmly opposes the listing of this species as endangered because of the potential irreparable damage to our and neighboring counties' local economy. Critical habitat designations will restrict land access and can limit or even forbid activities such as grazing, trout stocking, logging, mining, and recreational use resulting in a devastating impact on our economy and other northern rural counties that will be affected.

The Tehama County Board of Supervisors urges that you consider alternative methods for preserving this species and the role that federal and private lands play in the economy of this county and the north state when making your final determination in this matter. The County recommends that all private lands (with or without formal conservation agreements), State lands (Parks and State Forest), county lands and all congressionally reserved natural areas (e.g. wilderness areas, national scenic areas and national parks) be excluded from designated Critical Habitat areas for the special species status.

Thank you for considering our concerns.

Sincerely,



Steve Chamblin
Chairman

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