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I am writing in regards to the proposed listing of the Northern Spotted Owl as a threatened or endangered species.

I am a Biological Research Assistant, and I have worked with Northern Spotted Owls for 8 years. I have looked at the data for the study I am currently on, and it is alarming how apparent the drop in occupied territories and the overall population is. I do not know of any biologist who has worked with Northern Spotted Owls who isn't greatly concerned with the outlook for this species.

Northern Spotted Owls face a steep road to recovery, with habitat loss, changes in forest stand characteristics due to both logging practices and fire suppression, Barred Owl competition/aggression, and what the recent Fisher studies have indicated - possible poisoning from anti-coagulants being used on public (and private) lands around marijuana grows.

Having spoken with some of the biologists who just came from the meta-analysis, the news was far from encouraging. I hope that when you take a look at this data you will see the need for listing the Northern Spotted Owl.

~Angela