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As part of your evaluation of the endangered status study of the spotted owl please consider the following comments:

Habitat for NSO is rapidly disappearing from forested areas, especially private timber lands. Many owls have probably been destroyed as there is very limited evaluation of nest sites immediately before logging begins.

I hike extensively in northern California and some areas are NSO habitat. I have heard owls in the past but all wildlife seems to be disappearing, especially all types of birds and bees.

No NSO nests should be destroyed by any permitted take regulation. NSO sites with a suitable buffer should be preserved at all costs. Logging companies care nothing about any wildlife or plants or any part of the ecosystem except wood fiber. Preserving more habitat for NSO on private lands will extend the possible nesting sites and provide habitat for more diversified wildlife.

Large areas of NSO habitat are constantly under attack in the region east and north of Mt. Shasta. Federal and private land managers need to protect all NSO habitat areas and do a better job of evaluating the presence of nesting sites and how to protect them.

Thanks

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