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Hello,

I am sending my comments about the Northern Spotted Owl and others.

I have lived on a 50 acre parcel in Humboldt County for 55 plus years. I have had 2 regular harvest plans and now the NTMP since 1996. I have second growth Redwood and Douglas Fir. I operate on sustained yield and harvest only when the market is up. I am bordered by State Park on 2 sides and Humboldt Redwood on 2 sides.

For 50 years I have known we have and still have Great Horned Owls. For the first 30 years, never Northern Spotted Owls or Barred Owls. For the last 20 years Northern Spotted Owls as transients and for the last 10 years, Barred Owls also.

I have frequently observed all at close range. Observing and listening to Spotted Owls and Barred Owls in the last 10 years confirms that they were silent for the first 30 years. When you live on a rural property, you know the property.

I would safely say that Great Horned Owls are maintaining, Spotted Owls and Barred Owls definitely increasing in numbers.

The worst problem here is pot growers! They are killing and poisoning anything and everything. I have not seen a Pacific Fisher in the wild, only dead ones that Sherrif Mike Downey holds for newspaper pictures, poisoned by pot growers. We won't go into gross stream and land violations by the pot growers. They seem untouchable! I have California Forest Practice Rules, pot growers have none!

Respectfully,
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