



***Critical Habitat for the Northern Spotted Owl:
Managing PNW Landscapes for a Threatened Species***

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Purpose: The northern spotted was listed as a threatened species almost 25 years ago. Since then, we've seen several recovery plans and critical habitat (CHU) designations. The current plans were finalized in 2011. The final CHU extends an interesting challenge to manage landscapes for multiple ecosystem values: we are to consider the short-term impacts, but also take a long view for conservation of the whole forested ecosystem on which the spotted owl relies.

How do we do that?

This workshop will explore that question. It will provide you with background on the northern spotted owl, shed light on the purposes of recovery plans and critical habitat as expressed in the Endangered Species Act, describe the modelling exercise that determined the current spotted owl critical habitat, discuss integrating recovery with the NWFP, and provide several examples of landscape-level planning efforts in CHU's that have occurred or are underway in the range of the northern

Sponsors: *USFWS, the Central Cascades Adaptive Management Partnership (Willamette National Forest, H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest, Eugene BLM, PNW Research Station, and Oregon State University, USGS, UofO); and the NW Oregon Ecology Group (Eugene and Salem BLM, Mt. Hood, Siuslaw, and Willamette National Forests, and Columbia River Gorge National Recreation Area).*

AGENDA

Time	Topic	Speaker
9:00 – 9:05	Workshop Introduction	Cheryl Friesen , <i>Science Liaison, Willamette National Forest</i>
9:05 – 9:35	We're All In This Together!	Paul Henson , <i>State Office Director, USFWS</i> Debbie Hollen , <i>Natural Resources Deputy Director, USFS</i> Lee Folliard , <i>Branch Chief, BLM</i>



Agenda Continued

Time	Topic	Speaker
9:35 – 10:05	Population Dynamics of the Northern Spotted Owl: Reasons for Listing, Current Status, and Recovery Strategy.	Betsy Glenn, USFWS
10:05 – 10:35	Endangered Species Act Perspective on Critical Habitat Designation and Management.	Jim Thrailkill, Supervisor, Roseburg Field Office, USFWS
10:35 – 10:55	Break	
10:55 – 11:40	Habitat Modeling Efforts For Northern Spotted Owl Critical Habitat Designation.	Brian Woodbridge, USFWS
11:40 – 12:45	Lunch	
12:45 – 1:15	Provisions of the Spotted Owl CHU Rule: How Are We Interpreting What It Says? And How Does it Integrate with the NWFP?	Brendan White, USFWS and Bruce Hollen, BLM
	<i>What Are Your Peers Doing? Examples With a Landscape View</i>	
1:15 – 1:50	The Umpqua National Forest’s Process For Planning Landscape Scale Projects in Critical Habitat.	Josh Chapman, Umpqua NF Wildlife Biologist
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1:50 – 2:25	Restoration on the Okanogan-Wenatchee and Spotted Owls.	Jo Richards, District Environmental Coordinator and District Wildlife Biologist, Cle Elum RD, Wenatchee NF
2:25 – 2:45	Break	
2:45 – 3:20	Projects in NSO Critical Habitat - A Northern California Perspective	Jan Johnson, USFWS, Yreka, Christine Jordan, Mt. Shasta/ McCloud Management Unit, Shasta Trinity NF, and Katherine Fitzgerald, USFWS, Yreka
3:20 - 4:00	Panel: Speakers available for Q&A	
4:00	Adjourn	