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**FOREST PLAN AMENDMENT FOR PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF NORTHWEST FORESTS WITHIN THE RANGE OF THE NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL; DOCUMENT NUMBER: 2023-27742**

Regional Forester:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has reviewed the Notice of Intent for the Northwest Forest Plan (Plan) published on December 18, 2023, and appreciates the opportunity to provide the U.S. Forest Service with comments. CDFW participates on the Northwest Forest Plan Federal Advisory Committee State Agency Subcommittee and intends to work with the Subcommittee to discuss the Plan development and review the draft Environmental Impact Statement when complete in June 2024.

If you have questions about this letter or would like further information, please contact Mr. Elliot Chasin, Timberland Conservation and Fire Resiliency Program Supervisor, at (916) 206-0384 or TimberFireHQ@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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