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Old-growth and mature forests in the Pacific Northwest are essential to the recovery of the threatened Northern Spotted Owl and the Marbled Murrelet. While steps are being taken to protect these imperiled species and their habitat, they remain at risk due to habitat loss and invasive species.

Now, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service is revising the Northwest Forest Plan, a land management strategy that guides recovery of the region's mature and old-growth forests.

The Northwest Forest Plan is an effective policy that is restoring owl and murrelet habitats, while improving streams critical to numerous threatened salmon populations. But these vital protections are now at risk of being eliminated or watered down.