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Comments: I would like to voice my strong support for the continued biodiversity monitoring that is mandated by the NW Forest Plan. Having information about biodiversity trends (including the spotted owl) is essential for sound management of our forests. Not only is wildlife important for its own sake, but it also serves as an early warning indicator for human wellbeing.

The passive acoustic monitoring project, led by Damon Lesmeister, is essential for bringing biodiversity monitoring into the modern era. Data can be acquired at a fraction of the cost, and also pushes the technology envelope with respect to use and development of AI.

I will follow up with more specific comments about the NWFP revision itself, but the issue of this monitoring program is pressing (under immediate threat) so I thought I would comment today.