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Comments: After living with all of the restrictions on use, development and day to day operations as a special use permittee for 27 years in the Klamath Ranger district I believe I am well qualified to comment on possible amendments to the Northwest Forest Plan. I have witnessed the real-world efforts of the USFS to manage our forests for the support and recovery of the spotted owl. It appears that those efforts have had little effect on the decline of spotted owls. I would suggest that those efforts be redirected for the most part to actively managing our forests and recreation areas for the best return for my fellow taxpayers. Clearly there needs to be some areas set aside for the continued attempts to save this species, but it should be more balanced with compromise that favors sustainable use and development. As our population grows the demand for high quality recreation opportunities grows right along with it. There are vast areas more suitable for owl habitat than some of the areas currently under restrictions with more ridiculous study requirements being interpreted all the time. Clearly the efforts of the scientific led plan is in need of some new ideas and perhaps a reconsideration of past efforts that did not work, please do this to ensure we don't just keep doing the same things that are unsuccessful. Look at the restrictions you have placed on the public and get rid of the stuff we know doesn't work. Maybe a bit more focus on wildfire prevention so there are forests left for all of the wildlife we want to see thrive in our forests. Increased developed recreation will drive more revenue for the forest and offer a way to offset stewardship costs in other areas. Partnering with successful recreation partners to educate the public and promote sustainable practices including wildlife conservation. In other words stop trying to save something that maybe was not meant to be saved and focus on the species you know you can save. The human race and how we all recreate is worthy of study and how that recreation impacts the forests needs to be examined. Then ask yourself the question: who really wants to save the spotted owls and why? Do the needs of the owls outweigh the needs of the American recreational users.

Thank you