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Comments: A strong monitoring program for Northern Spotted Owls and other old growth dependent species needs to be a fundamental part of any alternative. Adaptive Management is impossible without knowing the outcomes of management activities, therefore, monitoring must be fully funded and not just an afterthought.

A strong and fully funded Barred Owl removal program needs to be implemented -- data from the Barred Owl experimental removal program clearly show this approach to be highly effective in dramatically slowing the decline of NSO in the BO removal area, with a steep decline documented in the control area.

Strong mature forest (>80 years) protections need to be in place as refugia for old growth dependent species. These forests belong to the American people (not corporate "persons") who do not want to see irreplaceable forests liquidated for short term economic gain.

Thank you for protecting America's natural heritage.