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Mr. Stan Dixon, Chairman
State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
P.O. Box 944246
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Re: EPIC petition to eliminate Title 14 919.9 [939.9] (g): Northern Spotted Owl

Dear Chairman Dixon,

Please keep Option G in the rules.

Since 1999 we have used professional Northern Spotted Owl biologists to conduct 7,628 night time owl calls and 606 day time walk in owl status visits. We know where our owls are and how they are doing. We have a healthy and stable population of twenty owl pairs on a land base that should only support ten. The canary in the mine is alive and hooting in our forest.

Owl review by various agencies over the years has delayed the start of logging from two to six weeks. We need to maintain all the options we can to keep our loggers working while protecting owls. Option G is important to our company.

Sincerely

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