

**Northern Spotted Owl Site FPA Abandonment Request Form**

**Oregon Department of Forestry – Private Forests**

This template was developed to ensure consistency in the content and quality of information used to verify the status of a northern spotted owl (NSO) resource site for the purposes of administration under the Forest Practices Act. For site abandonment consideration the department requires surveys of all suitable NSO habitat within a 0.7 mile radius circle using survey methods outlined in “Protocol for surveying proposed management activities that may impact northern spotted owls” (USFWS, February 2, 2011, REVISED January 9, 2012)[[1]](#footnote-1). Please be aware that ODF requires the daytime activity center search to be conducted annually as part of normal surveys.

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| **Requested By** | [Company]  [Contact Name & Title]  [Street Address]  [City, State, Zip]  [Phone]  [Email] | | |
| **Prepared By** | [Company]  [Contact Name & Title]  [Street Address]  [City, State, Zip]  [Phone]  [Email] | | |
| **Owl Site Name** |  | **MNSO #** |  |
| **Date** |  | **Other Site #** |  |

**Proposed FPA Abandonment Justification:**

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|  | 1. Abandoned: No spotted owl responses have been obtained in the general area of the historic nesting site after five consecutive years of protocol surveys[[2]](#footnote-2). |
|  | 1. Resident Single: Five consecutive years of protocol surveys indicate alternate or varying combinations of no detections and single spotted owl detections[[3]](#footnote-3). |
|  | 1. Moved Pair: There is adequate evidence to support the conclusion that both members of a pair have moved their nesting site, such as observations of banded birds. |

**NOTE: Compliance with the Forest Practices rules does not guarantee compliance with the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA). Parties conducting forest operations are encouraged to contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to obtain compliance with the ESA.**

**Site History Summary**

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| **Site Name:** |  | **Ownership:** |  |
| **MNSO#:** |  | **Legal Location:** |  |

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| **Site History** | |
| **Year** | **Status Summary (*with examples of what to fill in*)** |
| YYYY | *Two birds, pair status unknown, were located on MM-DD in T-R-S-QS-QQS. A single male was located on MM-DD in T-R-S-QS-QQS.* |
| YYYY | *No responses based on five night visits.* |
| YYYY | *Not surveyed.* |
| YYYY | *No responses based on one day visit and three night visits.* |
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| **Source(s):** | YYYY-YYYY | [Information Source] |
|  | 1991 – 1992 | BLM Eugene Spotted Owl Site Visit File |

**Notes:** [*Describe any information about the area surveyed or methods used that may better inform evaluation of the presented data. Examples: Changes in survey area over time, number of survey stations, special steps taken to minimize the risk of predation to NSOs, etc.*]

**\*\*Please provide all supporting documentation as outlined in the Data Submission Checklist as well as this form and submit to Jennifer Weikel, ODF Private Forests Program, 2600 State St., Salem, OR 97310 (or submit electronically at jennifer.weikel@oregon.gov).**

**Data Submission Checklist (*for use in tracking information to be submitted to ODF***)

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| **(1)** |  | **Site History Summary Form** | Site location, history, sources, notes |
| **(2)** |  | **Site Center Map** | Scale ~ 1:12000 (sufficient to show survey area & habitat conditions)  NSO site center/site alternates  Ortho photo (denote year of photos)  0.7 mi radius suitable habitat survey area  Topography  Township, range, section |
| **(3)** |  | **Supporting Documentation**  (Provide requested documentation according to survey data source below) | To be submitted for the subset of data used directly in supporting the proposed status (5 consecutive years of non-responses, 5 consecutive years unoccupied/single status, etc.). |
| **(3a)** | **AND/**  **OR** | **Option 1 - Agency data *(only applicable for owl sites surveyed as part of a demography study area)*.** | Printout (by year) from agency database (BLM, PNW Station), all fields. |
| **(3b)** |  | **Option 2 – Private data**  **Survey station map(s)**  **Survey data sheets** | For each year provide the following:  Scale ~ 1:12000 (sufficient to show survey area & habitat conditions)  NSO site center/site alternates  Ortho photo  0.7 mi radius suitable habitat survey area  Topography  Township, range, section  Survey stations  Spotted owl response locations (if any) |

1. See the November 2012 memo titled “Forest Practices Act—Criteria for Spotted Owl ‘Abandoned’ Sites” for additional information. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. A single detection of a non-resident spotted owl (with appropriate survey effort to attempt to confirm status) is acceptable for this category. Select the next box if multiple detections of a non-resident owl are observed. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Select this box if resident single status is confirmed in any year, or if multiple detections of non-resident owls are observed (within a year or over multiple years). If a both a male and female are observed, but criteria for pair status is not met, in years 4 and/or 5 of surveys, ODF may require additional survey efforts and further review. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)