Notice of Availability and Adoption: Barred Owl Management Strategy Implementation in Oregon

Notice of Availability and Adoption – Oregon. Wildlife Services, a program within the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS-WS), has adopted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services' (USFWS) Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Barred Owl Management Strategy and Implementation of the Barred Owl Management Strategy and issued a Record of Decision (ROD). APHIS-WS was a cooperating agency in the development of the EIS and adopts the EIS pursuant to this notice.

APHS-WS reviewed the FEIS and independently concluded that the document meets the standards for an adequate statement and that its comments and suggestions have been satisfied. The ROD documents APHIS-WS's decision to assist in implementing components of Alternative 2: Management Strategy Implementation (Preferred Alternative) in Oregon. Alternative 2 provides for barred owl management across the entirety of the northern spotted owl range around spotted owl sites or within designated areas to address the imminent threat of spotted owl extirpation.

USFWS announced the availability of the final EIS in the Federal Register on July 5, 2024 (89 FR 55591, 55647). The final EIS, Strategy, and the USFWS ROD for barred owl management are available at www.fws.gov/project/barred-owl-management or in Regulations.gov Docket FWS-R1-ES-2022-0074. All public comments can be

viewed in that Regulations.gov Docket.

Interested parties may view the FEIS and APHIS-WS ROD at:
www.regulations.gov/docket/APHIS-2025-0015

If you would like a copy of the final EIS and/or the ROD sent to you by mail, please mail a written request to:

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