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TO: Forest Practices Board 

FROM: Marc Engel, Senior Policy Planner, Forest Regulation Division

SUBJECT: Northern Spotted Owl Conservation Advisory Group Update

The Forest Practices Board is required to maintain a three-person Northern Spotted Owl Conservation advisory group to evaluate if owl habitat needs to be maintained in the event a northern spotted owl protocol survey demonstrating the absence of owl detections within the habitat supporting an owl site center is approved by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. (WAC 222-16-010)

As is outlined in the rule, the three-person designees must have a working knowledge of northern spotted owl habitat relationships and factors affecting owl conservation. The advisory group will contain a representative from Washington's forest products industry (Marty Vaughn), Washington conservation organization (Kara Whitaker) and the Forest Practices Program.

At your next meeting I will request your approval for Mary McDonald, Assistant Division Manager for Forest Regulation to serve as DNR's representative.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at marc.engel@dnr.wa.gov.

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