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To: District Managers: Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Coos Bay, Medford, and Lakeview Districts

From: State Director, Oregon/Washington

Subject: Deployment of the Access 2000 Version of the Northern Spotted Owl Database

Program Area: Information Resources Management/Threatened and Endangered Species Management

Purpose: To inform Bureau employees in western Oregon of the completion of the Access 2000 version of the Northern Spotted Owl Database. To authorize the deployment of the database to the respective Western Oregon districts and detached Resource Area offices, for operational use. The configuration management documents that support this deployment are available at the website: http://www.or.blm.gov/gis/support/doc_search.asp?q=System%20Administration. Data standard documentation is being developed and will be distributed at a later date. In the meantime, the above web address also includes a database help file that should answer any immediate questions about the data contained within the application.

Policy/Action: The Information Resources Management coordinators in the Western Oregon districts and detached Resource Areas are to install the spotted owl database application on the personal computers of users. Instructions for installing the program are located in Appendix C of the Version Description Document (VDD) located on the website mentioned above. An initial list of users, by district, is provided in Appendix B of the VDD. The District Spotted Owl Database Data Steward will administer the list of authorized users over time and will identify which users will have edit rights for the records in the database.

Timeframe: Ongoing.

Budget Impact: The use of the new database will require less effort to assure data quality due to data entry requirements. It will decrease time and effort to respond to Corporate, Partner and Public requests for information.

Background: The Northern Spotted Owl Database is the Bureau's Western Oregon corporate repository for information on spotted owls. The database is a daily use, mission critical tool which supports a variety of day to day operations in forest management by the districts and also supports corporate level reporting of data on this federally-threatened species. The original spotted owl database, released in 1988, was a dBase application. This current database revision (2006) was a result of discontinued user-support for the dBase application by the Bureau of Land Management and the need to normalize the spotted owl database to facilitate future geospatial applications. The Oregon State Office of the Bureau of Land Management and the Coos Bay District provided funding support for the revision. The revision was completed under contract with Titan Corporation and Northrop-Grumman Corporation.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: None

Coordination: The State Data Stewards coordinated with the District Data Stewards on the development of this application. Data stewards will also coordinate on the operation and maintenance of the Spotted Owl Database after deployment.

Contact: If there are any questions concerning the above information, please contact Joe Lint (OR-931), State Spotted Owl Data Steward, at (541) 464-3288. If you encounter problems with the application, fill out an application bug report (Appendix D of the VDD) and email it to (Joseph_Lint@or.blm.gov).

Districts with Unions are reminded to notify their unions of this Instruction Memorandum and satisfy any bargaining obligations before implementation. Your servicing Human Resources Office or Labor Relations Specialist can provide you assistance in this matter.

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