

Errata – 2011 Northern Spotted Owl Survey Protocol

The following errata have been identified in the 2011 Northern Spotted Owl Survey Protocol, and should be corrected as indicated.

1. Page 5, Section 4.0, Item 1: The reference in the last sentence to Appendix 4 should correctly refer to Appendix 3.
2. Page 11, bullets in 3rd paragraph: Clarification of term “additional”. The reference to “additional visits” in each of the three bullets means visits *in addition to* the normal 6-visit (or 3-visit, for some areas in California) protocol. The inclusion of additional visits within the area 0.5 mile around the undetermined detection ensures that at least two visits will occur after that detection to provide ample opportunity to confirm the status. Thus, “additional” visits are only required when the last response from a spotted owl of undetermined status occurs during the 5th or 6th survey visit (in those areas where a 6-visit survey is required for completion). For situations where the last spotted owl detection of undetermined status occurs during the 4th (or earlier) survey visit, at least two more complete visits are necessary to meet the protocol, so “additional” visits are not prescribed for that situation. For the portion of California where only 3 visits per year are acceptable, the additional visits would apply to when undetermined status owls are detected on visits 2 or 3.

The clarified text in future protocols may read as follows:

For areas where 6 visits per year applies, if the last undetermined detection occurs on:

- Visits 1 through 4 – complete the regular 6-visit protocol (total 6);
- Visit 5 – conduct 1 Additional Visit after completing the 6-visit protocol (total 7);
- Visit 6 – conduct 2 Additional Visits after completing the 6-visit protocol (total 8).
- No additional visits are necessary once resident status is determined.
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For areas where 3 visits per year applies, if the last undetermined detection occurs on:

- Visit 1 – complete the regular 3-visit protocol (total 3);
- Visit 2 – conduct 1 Additional Visit after completing the 3-visit protocol (total 4);
- Visit 3 – conduct 2 Additional Visits after completing the 3-visit protocol (total 5).
- No additional visits are necessary once resident status is determined.

3. Page 14, paragraph under section 9.0: The third sentence in that paragraph should read “Six visits that cover spotted owl nesting/roosting habitat within 0.25 mile from the project area will be effective until the beginning of the following breeding season”, precluding the need to survey foraging or dispersal habitat in that area. These surveys may be conducted as nighttime surveys or as daytime stand searches.
4. Page 14, last paragraph: This one-sentence paragraph should refer to section 10.3, not section 9.4 as currently written.

5. Page 15, section 10.1, item 4: First sentence should refer the reader to section 10.2.2, not section 9.2.2 as currently written. Also in this sentence, reference to Appendix 4 should be corrected to refer to Appendix 3.
6. Page 19, last sentence in section "15.0 MOUSING": That one-sentence paragraph should refer the reader to section 17, not section 19 as currently written.
7. Appendix 6 Template Field Data Collection Form: Two additional spaces should be included in the field data form, if not already added to the form in use:
 - a. Type of Survey (Spot Check Survey, Disturbance Survey, General Survey, Stand Search, etc.).
 - b. Type of Caller (digital recording or human voice mimic).