

## Barred Owl Removal Experiment Study Update – August 2014



Northern spotted owl family

### Record of Decision signed September 2013.

#### Hoopa Reservation (California):

- Removal initiated October 2013 and completed March 2014
- 71 barred owls and one hybrid (spotted x barred owl) removed
  - Includes 26 complete pairs and 19 individuals
- Barred and spotted owl surveys underway

#### Other study areas (Oregon and Washington):

Budget delays and funding limitations postponed initiation until spring 2015. We continue to prepare for implementation, including:

- Completing detailed study plans
- Applying for State and Forest Service permits
- Securing funding for the entire study
  - Approximate cost is \$4 million over 6 years
  - Currently \$845,000 committed