

Non-Federal Landowners Work Group  
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Recovery Actions 13 through 19 make recommendations directly or indirectly applicable to non-Federal lands within the range of the spotted owl, including Recovery Action 14 which recommends, “Establish[ing] a comprehensive incentives program to develop creative opportunities for non-Federal landowners to engage in management strategies consistent with the recovery objectives.”

To implement these actions we created three, state-specific Non-Federal Landowners Work Groups based on on-going efforts in Washington, Oregon and California. Each of these groups work independently, focusing on issues and efforts (and with partners) specific to each state.

Washington Work Group

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The Non-Federal Landowners Work Group for Washington was established by the Washington State Forest Practices Board with its purpose to recommend measures that will result in strategic contributions from non-federal lands towards conservation of a viable population of northern spotted owls. The group represents large and small private landowners, conservation groups, and local and state government. The group has developed draft criteria for selecting strategic lands and is considering institution of an acquisition program and regulatory incentives related to fire risk and pest management.