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To: USDI Bureau of Land Management District Managers (Coos Bay, Eugene, Lakeview, Medford, Roseburg, Salem) and Field Managers (Arcata, Klamath Falls, Redding, and Ukiah) and USDA Forest Service Forest Supervisors Within the Area of the Northwest Forest Plan

Subject: Survey and Manage Survey Protocols - **Amphibians v. 3.0**

The *Standards and Guidelines for Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl* include the requirement to conduct surveys for particular amphibians prior to all ground-disturbing activities that will be implemented in FY 1997 or later (page C-5, Component 2). Surveys are required within the known or suspected range and within the habitat types or vegetative communities associated with the amphibian species identified within Component 2.

Enclosed are the standard protocols (Version 3.0) for conducting surveys for amphibians. This version and transmittal letter replace the March 12, 1996 draft protocol that was transmitted by a cover letter dated March 18, 1996, memoranda dated October 2, 1997, June 29, 1998 (BLM Information Bulletin No. OR-98-246), and June 29, 1998 (R-6, File Code 2670) concerning amphibian survey protocol adjustments.

This memorandum transmits 5 amphibian protocols to field officials for immediate implementation. Survey methods and survey conditions in the 1996 draft protocol are more comprehensive than those in version 3.0. Therefore, surveys initiated following the draft protocol meet the requirements of the present Version 3.0 protocol.

The protocols are designed so that there is a high probability of finding populations of these species, if present. Please follow the standard protocols as closely as possible.

Although the protocols may be revised in the future, projects surveyed according to these protocols will be considered as meeting the requirements of Component 2.

District Managers, Field Managers, Forest Supervisors, and District Rangers 2

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[Enclosure](#) (under separate cover)

[NOTE: The Amphibian Survey Protocol is a 15-Meg PDF File.]

Distribution:

BLM		Forest Service	
District Managers	Field Managers	Forest Supervisors Region 6	Forest Supervisors Region 5
Oregon			
Coos Bay	Arcata	Deschutes	Klamath
Eugene	Klamath Falls	Gifford Pinchot	Lassen
Lakeview	Redding	Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie	Mendocino
Medford	Ukiah	Mt. Hood	Modoc
Roseburg		Okanogan	Shasta Trinity
Salem		Olympic	Six Rivers
<u>BLM Distribution:</u>		Rogue River	<u>FS Distribution:</u>
WO-230 (Room 204LS)-1		Siskiyou	R5:
CA-330 (P.Roush)-1		Siuslaw	Shasta Trinity, Paula Crumpton
CA-930-1		Umpqua	Orleans RD, John Larson
OR-912 (A.Agnew)-1		Wenatchee	R6:
OR-931 (C.McCaffrey)-1		Willamette	NR, Sarah Madsen
OR-934 (P. Teensma)		Winema	R6-SP - 1
<u>REO Distribution:</u>		<u>Research Units:</u>	
Belisle -1		PNW - 1	
Mohoric -1		PSW - 1	
Sims -1			
Watson -1			