

Periodic Status Review Decisions

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Review of State Listed Species

- WAC 232-12-297 requirement. Intent is to determine if each species requires:
 - Uplisting (e.g. sensitive to endangered)
 - Down listing (e.g. endangered to threatened)
 - Delisting (remove from all classifications)
 - No change in status
- Decisions today on recommendations presented in January:
 - Northern Spotted Owl
 - Western Gray Squirrel
 - Greater Sage-Grouse
 - Snowy Plover



NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL

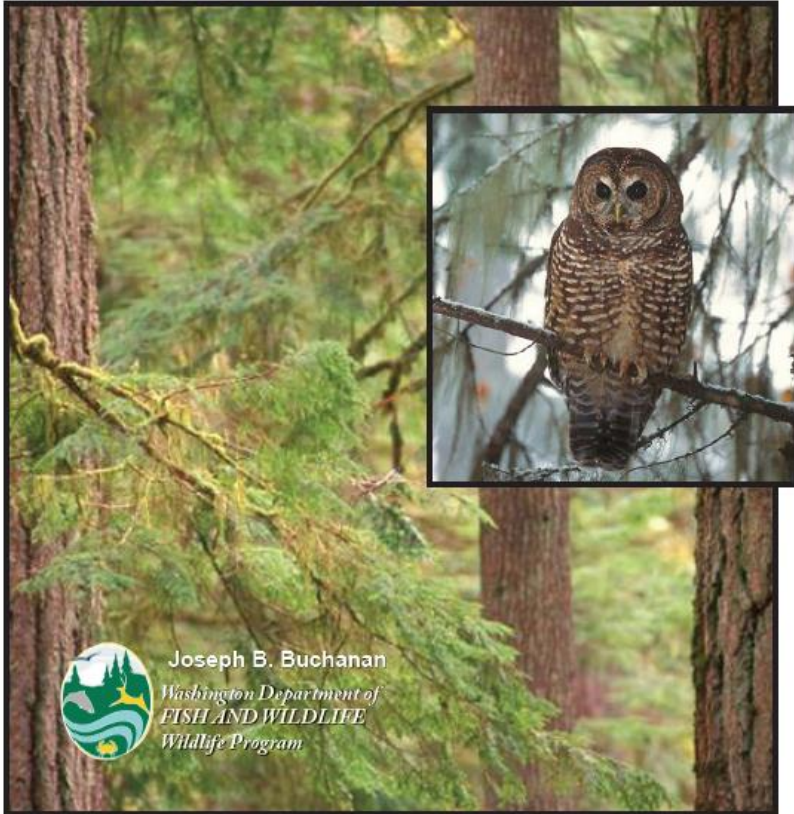


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Population Status

- NSO populations **declining in 7 of 11 study areas range-wide** (Dugger et al. 2016)
- **Declines most substantial in WA and N. OR**
- Three demography study areas in WA:
 - Cle Elum rate of change: **-8.4% / year**
 - Olympic NP rate of change: **-3.9% / year**
 - Rainier rate of change: **-4.7% / year**

Periodic Status Review for the Northern Spotted Owl



Recommendation

Retain the Northern Spotted Owl as a state endangered species.

Status of Western Gray Squirrels in Washington






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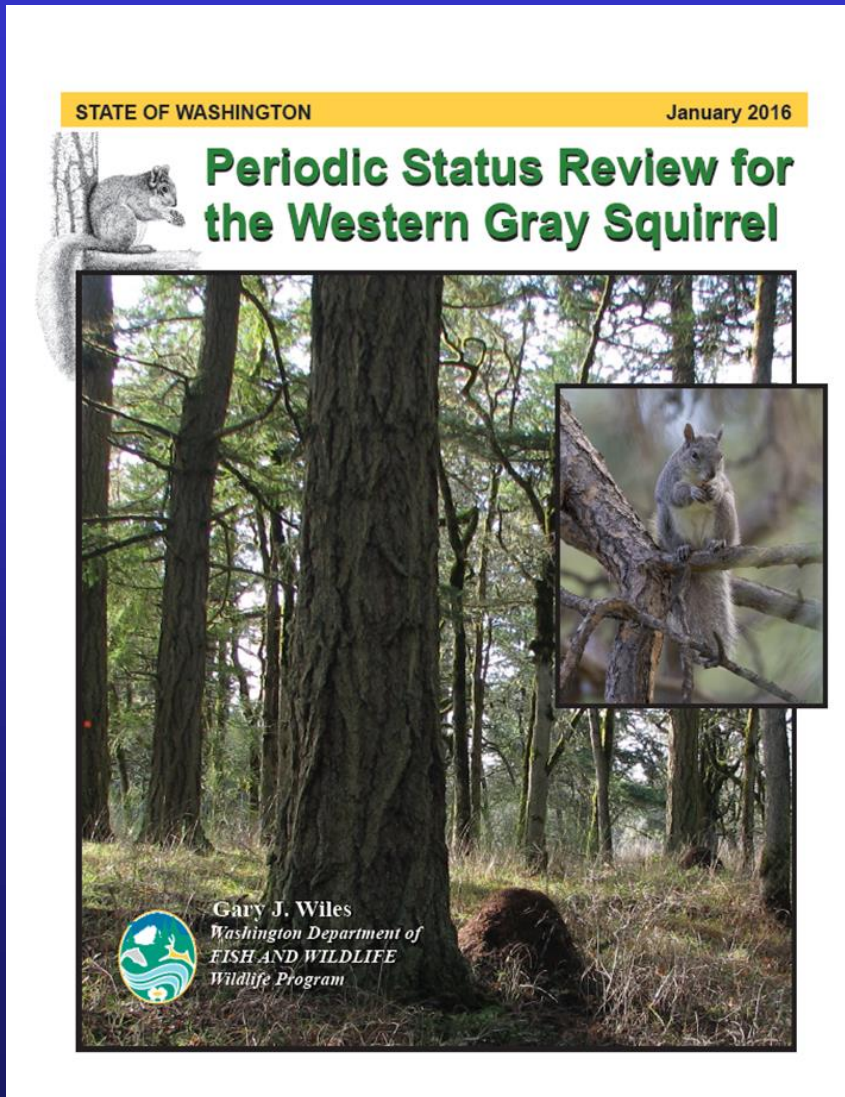


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2016 Status Information

- Petition; **Limited information available**
- S. Puget Trough: probable  - translocations, habitat enhancement
- North Cascades – possible  - wildfires
- Klickitat region – possible  - habitat alteration
 - Preliminary habitat analysis – 12% of habitat altered in last 10 years
- **Statewide surveys in progress 2015, 2016, 2017**

Recommendation



Retain the Western Gray Squirrel as a state threatened species.

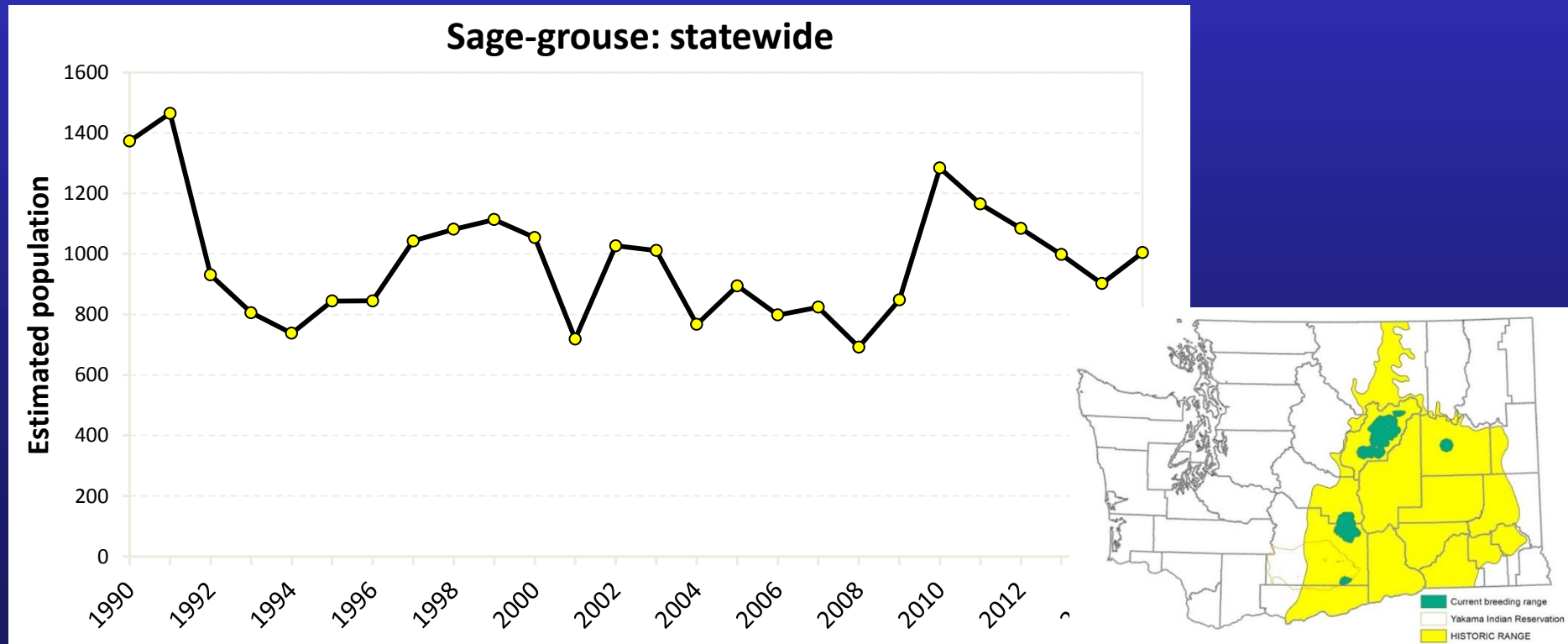
Status of the Greater Sage-Grouse in Washington



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Population in Washington

- ~1,000 birds, 4 relatively isolated populations
- Largest (Douglas County) relatively stable for ~20 years



Recommendation



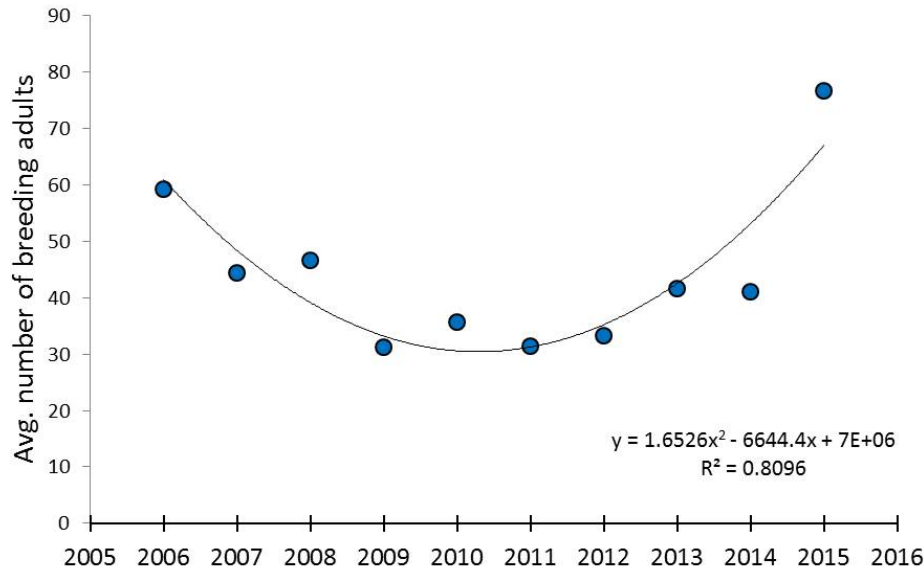
We recommend the Greater Sage-grouse remain listed as threatened.

Status of Snowy Plovers in Washington



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Current Population Status



- Annual breeding surveys show the recent decline has stopped and is beginning to reverse.

- The number of chicks fledged (69–77) is highest since surveys began in 2007.



Recommendation

It is recommended that the Snowy Plover remain listed as an endangered species at this time.