

NOTICE OF TIMBER SALE

Recovery Timber Sale

NAME/NO.: Proud Mary WO-341-2026-W01091-01

AUCTION DATE/TIME: September 18, 2025, starting at 10:00 AM

AUCTION LOCATION: West Oregon
 24533 ALSEA HWY
 PHILOMATH, OR 97370
 (541) 929-3266 FAX: (541) 929-5549

DISTRICT/ OFFICE (MAILING ADDRESS FOR BIDS): West Oregon
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HARVEST TYPE: Approximately 48 net acres of clearcut of 75 year-old Douglas-fir with scattered red alder and hemlock.

LOCATION: Portions of Section(s) 5, 8 of T10S R7W W.M., Benton and Polk Counties.

DIRECTIONS TO TIMBER SALE AREA: From Philomath, travel west on Highway 20 for approximately 5 miles and turn right onto Kings Valley Highway. Proceed for another 6.4 miles then turn left onto Hoskins Rd. In 1.8 miles, turn left to cross the Luckiamute River and remain on Hoskins Rd for another 3.1 miles. Take a sharp right onto Shingle Creek Rd and proceed for 3.5 miles. Take a right and travel north up Bonner Ridge Rd. for approximately 3.5 miles before reaching the Harmsen gate. Turn left and follow to the Timber Sale Area.

APPRAISED VOLUMES AND QUALITY:

Conifer/Hwd	Species Group	Species	Product	AVG DBH	Grade	Volume	UOM	Diam. From	Diam. To	Length From	Length To
Conifers	Douglas-fir	Douglas-fir	Sawlog		2 M	969	MBF				
Conifers	Douglas-fir	Douglas-fir	Sawlog		3 M	525	MBF				
Conifers	Douglas-fir	Douglas-fir	Sawlog		4 M	148	MBF				
Conifers	Western hemlock	Western hemlock	Sawlog		CR	64	MBF				
Hardwood	Red alder	Red alder	Sawlog		CR	15	MBF				
Sale Total:						1,721	MBF				

MINIMUM BID:

	Species Category	Species Group	Species	Product	Grade	Volume	Diameter From	Diameter To	Length From	Length To	Price	UOM
Bid	Conifers	Douglas-fir	Douglas-fir			1642					\$567.00	MBF
No-Bid	Conifers					64					\$229.55	MBF
No-Bid	Conifers			Utility	SC	0					\$200.00	MBF
No-Bid	Conifers			Utility	PC	0					\$200.00	MBF
No-Bid	Conifers					0					\$3.00	TON
No-Bid	Conifers	Cedar				0					\$878.15	MBF
No-Bid	Hardwood					0					\$30.00	MBF
No-Bid	Hardwood					0					\$3.00	TON
No-Bid	Hardwood	Red alder				15					\$151.72	MBF

All Utility logs are set at price above, which means material will be charged at the highest rate for that species.

In order to compensate PURCHASER for Project Work, ODF will credit PURCHASER's timber account in the amount of \$48,725.00 after the project work is completed and accepted, as described in Section 2630, "Credit for Project Work."

The Timber Sale Area contains negligible volumes of other logs to be paid for at the prices in Section 1740.

PERFORMANCE SECURITY: 20% of bid value (unknown) or the total value of the project work \$48,725.00 whichever is greater, not to exceed \$500,000. Actual bond amount will be rounded up to an even \$1,000 unit.

EXPIRATION DATE: 6/30/2028 BID METHOD: Sealed Bids

BID DEPOSIT: \$89,800.00 SALE TYPE: Recovery / BOF: 100.00%
CSL: 0.00%

10% of the net appraised value, not to exceed \$500,000. Bond amount will be rounded down to an even \$100 unit.

INSURANCE: \$2,000,000 Commercial General Liability; \$2,000,000 Automobile Liability; \$2,000,000 Logger's Broad Form.

HARVEST METHOD: 73% Cable, 27% Ground Based.

PROJECTS: 1 - Road Improvement, Surface Rock Replacement and Road Maintenance
2 - Roadside Brushing and Sod Removal
3 - Equipment Move-in

FEES: None.

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT COMPLIANCE STATEMENT: Purchasers are required to comply with all federal and state laws, including but not limited to the federal and State Endangered Species Act.

The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) is engaged in an active threatened and endangered (T&E) species survey program. ODF surveys its lands on a continuing basis for land management, species protection, research, and other reasons. Surveying efforts may take place in the Timber Sale Area anytime during the term of the Contract. Purchaser acknowledges that T&E survey work or the discovery of a threatened or endangered species within or in the vicinity of a timber sale may affect PURCHASER's Operations under the Contract, and PURCHASER agrees to cooperate with STATE's survey work and other activities designed to identify and protect T&E species. In the event any T&E species is found within or in the vicinity of the Area(s) of Operations, or the State otherwise deems it necessary or expedient to take action in response to any pending or threatened legal action concerning State forest land or any T&E species, PURCHASER agrees that STATE may take steps to protect the interests of the State, including imposing restrictions on PURCHASER's Operations under the Contract to prevent disturbance to T&E species, including Contract modification, suspension, or termination.

PURCHASER also acknowledges that at some point during the Contract term, the STATE may also become subject to terms and conditions of Incidental Take Permits issued by the federal government covering State forest lands. PURCHASER agrees that any Operations that occur following issuance of an Incidental Take Permit, if any, must be carried out consistent with such terms and conditions that include required minimization and mitigation measures proposed in the applicable Habitat Conservation Plan, and PURCHASER further agrees that STATE may take steps to protect the interest of the State, including imposing restrictions on PURCHASER's Operations under the Contract to ensure such compliance, including Contract modification, suspension, or termination.

Prospective purchasers are encouraged to contact the West Oregon ODF District at (541) 929-3266 for further information or questions relative to threatened or endangered species surveys, future planned survey information, or other threatened or endangered species information.

SPECIAL REMARKS:

**NO PERSONAL OR COMPANY CHECKS ACCEPTED FOR THE BID DEPOSIT.
SEASONAL RESTRICTIONS APPLY - SECTION 2455.**

A key is required for access through the gate shown on Exhibit A and may be checked out at the Philomath Office.

Acreage was determined using a combination of GPS and GIS utilizing orthographic imagery and Lidar data.

Approximately 13 net acres of machine slash piling is required. (Section 2560)

PURCHASER shall ensure all ground-based yarding, earth disturbing, road construction, and road maintenance equipment moved onto State Forest Land and between State Forest Land Sites are free of soil, weeds, vegetative matter, or other debris that could contain, or hold, seed (Section 2416).

Firewood sorting is required along surfaced roads and Landings (Section 2365).

Pulp removal is required if yarded to Landing (Section 2045).

The information shown on the Exhibit A map(s) are approximate locations. Exact locations of features represented by map symbols shall be determined on site and shall depend upon the conditions that exist on site. Activities shall be conducted based upon features determined on site rather than features shown on maps.

See inside front cover of Timber Sale Schedule handbook for disclaimer regarding all government regulatory actions.

TIMBER SALE NAME: **Proud Mary**
 TIMBER SALE NO.: **WO-341-2026-W01091-01**
 OPENING DATE: **September 18, 2025**

FORM OF PROPOSAL

The undersigned agrees to accept and perform all of the above terms and conditions as stated in the form of contract for the above-cited timber sale, and bids, and will pay:

BID SPECIES

Douglas-fir, sawmill grade or better, _____
 _____ DOLLARS \$ _____ per MBF

NO - BID SPECIES:

No-Bid	Conifers					64					\$229.55	MBF
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Enclosed is a bid deposit as required, consisting of a _____ in the amount of \$89,800.00, payable to the Oregon Department of Forestry.

The undersigned agrees to execute and deliver the contract, initial payment, required certificates of insurance, and performance bond, within thirty (30) days of the date of the written notice of intent to award; and that any cash bid deposit may be applied to the first required timber sale payment.

The undersigned understands that the bid is irrevocable and further agrees that if they fail to qualify under the terms of the contract within the thirty-day period, the bid deposit shall become the property of the Oregon Department of Forestry. **If the undersigned fails to qualify within the thirty-day period, STATE may disqualify the undersigned from submitting another bid on this timber sale.**

BIDDER _____
 (Name of Individual or Company and Authorized Official)

EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

BY _____
 (Signature of Authorized Official & Title)

COMPLETE PURCHASER'S STATUS ON NEXT PAGE

PURCHASER'S STATUS

Purchaser is a corporation Check Incorporated in
() the State of

President's Name _____

Secretary's Name _____

Purchaser is: a partnership an assumed (business) name company
 an individual

List names of all persons doing business under the partnership or assumed name:

If assumed name is subsidiary to a corporation, fill in data requested of corporation also and write in corporation name here:

CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY
TO BID ON STATE TIMBER

_____ hereby certifies that they:

EXPORT

- (a) Will not directly or indirectly export the unprocessed State timber as defined in OAR 629-031-0020 which is the subject of this transaction.
- (b) Shall not engage in export of unprocessed timber originating from private lands in Oregon until such time as all interests in contracts for State timber held by the above have terminated, per OAR 629-031-0010(1)(d).
- (c) Will not sell, transfer, exchange, or otherwise convey the unprocessed timber as defined above which is the subject of this transaction to any other person that is not a STATE's approved location.
- (d) Are not prohibited by OAR's 629-031-0005 through 0045 from bidding for unprocessed State timber as defined above directly from the State Forester.
- (e) Understand that falsely entering into this certification is a violation of the Forest Resources Conservation Amendments Act of 1993 and OAR Chapter 629, Division 31, and is subject to any and all penalties contained therein.
- (f) Have not directly or indirectly exported unprocessed timber originating from private lands in Oregon in the last 24 months, **or if bidding only on STATE hardwood timber or logs, HAVE** exported unprocessed timber originating from private lands in Oregon in the last 24 months, but **HAVE NOT** exported unprocessed **hardwood** timber originating from private lands in Oregon in the last 24 months and meet the requirements of OAR 629-031-0010(2).

DEFAULT, TERMINATION, OTHER RELATED MATTERS

- (a) Are not currently in default status under any timber sale contract sold by the State Forester.
- (b) Has not, within a 3-year period preceding this bid, had one or more Federal, State, or local timber sales terminated for cause or default.
- (c) If (b) above is Yes, has submitted an explanation, in writing, with this bid for consideration by STATE. Any such explanation shall be submitted at the time of bid on a separate piece of paper.

Signed

Title

Dated

[NOTE: For the purpose of this form, the definition of unprocessed timber is the same as in OAR 629-031-0005.]



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"STEWARDSHIP IN FORESTRY"

TO: Cody Valencia, Unit Forester, West Oregon District

FROM: Dax Strubb, Wildlife Biologist

SUBJECT: **Preliminary Biological Assessment for the Proud Mary Timber Sale**

DATE: March 21, 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Proud Mary is a planned modified clearcut timber sale in the 2024 Annual Operations Plan of the West Oregon District and is located within the provincial home range of the Little Green northern spotted owl (NSO) pair site.

The Little Green activity center (AC) was created following multiple responses during the 2008 survey season while conducting operational surveys on the West Oregon district.

Current habitat thresholds are approximately 67.5% and 46% suitable habitat within the 0.7- and 1.5-mile Little Green circles, above ODF policy standards. Following harvest there would be 67.5% and 44% suitable habitat in the 0.7- and 1.5-mile circles, respectively.

As currently proposed, the Proud Mary timber sale is expected to have a **low** risk of negatively affecting the occupancy and productivity of the Little Green northern spotted owl pair site.

INTRODUCTION

Purpose

The West Oregon District is proposing the Proud Mary sale as an operation in their 2024 Annual Operations Plan. The sale is located partially within the southeastern portion of the 1.5-mile provincial home range of the Little Green NSO pair site. This preliminary biological assessment (BA) presents relevant biological information needed to assess the potential effects of the Proud Mary timber sale on the Little Green pair site.

Policy Direction

Northern Spotted Owls

In the West Oregon District, the current standard for protection of northern spotted owls is to apply the standards identified in the ODF Northern Spotted Owl Policy (ODF 2017) which are adapted from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's rescinded Incidental Take Guidelines (USFWS 1990). According to the Policy, the best available habitat is identified for a 70-acre core area; at least 500 acres of suitable habitat should be maintained within the 0.7 miles radius, and within the home range circle (in this case 1.5 miles), approximately 40 % suitable habitat (1,810 acres) should be maintained. Additional factors to be considered and documented in this BA include proximity of the operation to an AC, the prescription proposed, the size of the operation, the history of harvest and surveys near the AC, stand conditions, and other relevant factors.

BACKGROUND

Survey History and Site Information

In 2008, a male was heard three times at night and found twice during the day. He was the male from Rittner Creek (Salem BLM), 3.8 miles to the east. The site was established as Resident Single, and the AC was placed at the April 25, 2008, day location. In 2009, a male was heard in this area at night and again on the follow-up visit. There were no spotted owl responses in 2010 or 2011. In 2012, a daytime AC search was conducted at this site with no spotted owl responses. However, a pair of spotted owls was heard at night on the first night visit. An unknown *Strix* was also heard on the first visit, some distance from the pair response, but a pair of barred owls was found on that follow-up. A female spotted owl was also heard at night on the third visit and again on the follow-up. Site status was changed to pair in 2012. The AC remains at the 2008 location. In 2013, a daytime AC search was conducted at this site with no spotted owl responses. However, a spotted owl of unknown sex was seen at night during the second survey visit. From 2014 through 2016, a daytime AC search was conducted at this site with no spotted owl responses, and there were no known spotted owl responses during night surveys. However, unknown *Strix* juveniles were heard in the area on the sixth night visit in 2016, but there was no response on the follow-up, and it was likely barred owls. In 2017 through 2022, daytime AC searches were conducted at this site with no spotted owl responses, and there were no responses during night surveys (Turnstone 2022). Barred owls were detected in the area in 2009, 2010, 2012, and from 2014 through 2022 (Figure 1).

Stand Information

The Proud Mary timber sale currently consists of one harvest unit totaling 50 net acres. The timber sale is a 72 to 82-year-old Douglas-fir, western hemlock, and red alder mixed stands. The trees within the timber sale have an average diameter of 13 to 21 inches, approximately 113 to 239 trees per acre, and a basal area of 219 to 279 ft²/acre. Stands within the sale unit are classified as understory development and layered; meaning that portions of the sale have moved past closed single canopy and have developed a moderate understory shrub layer but have not had time to develop canopy layering; other portions have multiple cohorts of trees. Based on available cruise information, orthoimagery and field verification, I would consider this stand suitable dispersal, roosting, or foraging habitat for northern spotted owls.

ASSUMPTIONS

Defining the Home Range

According to “Procedures leading to Endangered Species Act compliance for the northern spotted owl” (USFWS 1990), the median home range size (based on 95% minimum convex polygon) for spotted owl pairs in the Oregon Coast Range is 4,766 acres, or the approximate equivalent of the area encompassed by a circle with a radius of 1.5 miles. Further clarification and interpretation of these procedures was provided in a 2010 ODF Decision Paper (ODF 2010). This paper stated that a GIS analysis of a 1.5-mile radius circle yields 4,525 acres which ODF will be using for analysis of home range circles in the coast range province. Although spotted owls generally do not have circular home ranges, in the absence of more specific information about the home range of this site, I assumed that a 1.5-mile radius circle around the activity center approximates the home range for the Little Green pair of owls. All stands for this analysis were digitized and calculated using ArcGIS Pro 3.0.3 software, 2012 LiDAR, and 2020 orthoimagery.

Defining Suitable Habitat

Although spotted owl habitat has generally been described as old growth, spotted owls are known to use a variety of forest types in this part of the Oregon Coast Range. Spotted owls are known to nest in stands as young as 60 to 80 years old on State Forest lands that have suitable nesting structures and are known to forage in even younger stands (Glenn and Anthony 2000).

To determine whether stand conditions provide habitat, I assessed the percent overstory canopy cover, understory layering, tree density and species diversity, average DBH, and downed wood at each stand (USFWS 1990). I compared general stand conditions observed in the field to ODF Stand Layer Inventory (SLI) and 2020 digital orthoimagery then classified them as suitable or non-suitable spotted owl habitat. I used SLI polygons as the basis for classification; however, modifications were made in GIS when it was apparent the SLI polygons did not reflect the current stand boundaries as seen in orthoimagery and field verification.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND DISCUSSION

Landscape Analysis

The following discussion assesses the habitat condition within the 0.7- and 1.5-mile circles of the Little Green spotted owl activity center, as recommended in the rescinded Incidental Take Guidelines and as required by ODF policy (Table 1, Figure 1).

0.7-mile circle

The Proud Mary timber sale will not cut any acres within the 0.7-mile circle for the Little Green spotted owl site. A habitat analysis of the Little Green site indicates that there are approximately 665 acres (67.5%) of suitable habitat within 0.7 miles of the activity center. There are currently no other approved operations within 0.7 miles of the activity center.

1.5-mile circle

The Proud Mary timber sale will clearcut 13 net acres within the 1.5-mile circle for the Little Green spotted owl site. A habitat analysis of the Little Green site indicates that there are approximately 2,077 acres (46%) of suitable habitat within 1.5 miles of the activity center. There is currently one other approved operation, on State-owned lands, within 1.5 miles of the activity center. The Bark Beetle Bailey timber sale was an approved 2023 AOP timber sale that was carried over to the 2024 AOP and would occur in roughly the same time frame as Proud Mary. If Bark Beetle Bailey and Proud Mary within the 1.5-mile circle are harvested, 1,984 acres (44%) of suitable habitat will remain within 1.5 miles of the activity center.

Discussion and Assessment of Other Relevant Factors

The northwesternmost part of the sale is roughly 1.3 miles from the Little Green AC. Harvest of the sale should not significantly fragment connectivity of suitable habitat throughout the circle. The Little Green AC is on State ownership. There have been large amounts of variable density thinning on state managed lands within the Little Green circle occurring over the last 25 years (Figure 2). Portions of these thinning sales were lightly or moderately thinned and have developed into suitable owl habitat at this date. Parts of the thinned stands have developed layering and filled in the canopy post-harvest. Snags and downed wood were retained prior to and following these planned operations.

PROTECTION AND AVOIDANCE MEASURES

The operation has been reviewed by an ODF Wildlife Biologist to assess impacts to spotted owl and their nesting habitat. The assessment included a field evaluation of habitat suitability and desktop analysis of species occurrence at the owl site. To consider the management activities a low risk of impacting spotted owl and their habitat, the following protection measures must be implemented for operations in the Little Green owl site and should be adhered to for the duration of the operation:

Seasonal Timing Restrictions (ODF 2017)

- 4.5 On all state forest lands, restrict the following activities that create disturbance that may disrupt normal spotted owl behavioral patterns during the critical nesting period (March 1 through July 7). Activities will be restricted only for pair sites, and within the distances from a nest tree or activity center given below until it is determined that the pair is not nesting, or has failed, or until July 7, whichever is sooner.
 - 4.5.a An impact pile driver, a jackhammer, or a rock drill within 60 yards.
 - 4.5.b A helicopter or a single engine airplane within 120 yards.
 - 4.5.c Motorized carriages and chainsaws within 65 yards (includes hazard trees, pre-commercial and commercial thinning, firewood cutting).
 - 4.5.d Non-motorized carriages and heavy equipment within 35 yards.
 - 4.5.e For the following activities, consult the Area Biologist for site-specific evaluation:
 - 4.5.e.i Burning within 0.5 miles.
 - 4.5.e.ii The use of explosives within 1.0 mile.

CONCLUSIONS AND RISK ASSESSMENT

Biological Risk

As currently proposed, the Proud Mary timber sale is expected to have a **low** risk of negatively affecting the occupancy and productivity of the Little Green spotted owl site. This assessment is based on the following factors:

- There will be approximately 665 acres (67.5%) of suitable habitat within the 0.7-mile circle following the harvest of Proud Mary;
- There will be approximately 1,984 acres (43.8%) of suitable habitat within the 1.5-mile circle following the harvest of Proud Mary and Bark Beetle Bailey;
- Harvest of the sale will not dramatically increase fragmentation within the Little Green spotted owl provincial circle;
- Proud Mary is positioned toward the outer edge of the 1.5-mile circle.
- Surveys conducted within the Little Green site have not yielded northern spotted owl detections since 2013, despite annual AC searches and area-wide density surveys.

Compliance with Policy

After completion of harvest operations associated with the Proud Mary timber sale, the remaining suitable habitat within the Little Green owl circles will exceed the standards identified in ODF's northern spotted owl policy. Additionally, assessment of other relevant factors indicates this sale should pose a low risk of negatively impacting this owl site. Some of those factors include minimal increase in fragmentation throughout the circle post-operation and the operation is on the outer edge of the Little Green 1.5-mile circle.

LITERATURE CITED

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Table 1. Acres of suitable habitat within the 0.7- and 1.5-mile circles of the Little Green northern spotted owl site. Suitable habitat determined using 2012 LiDAR, 2020 orthoimagery, and 2016-2022 field assessment.

	Acres within Little Green	
	0.7 mi	1.5 mi
State owned suitable habitat	479	1,343
BLM owned suitable habitat	186	672
Private owned suitable habitat	0	62
Total	665	2,077
Proud Mary Timber Sale suitable habitat acres removed	0	13
Bark Beetle Bailey Timber Sale suitable habitat acres removed	0	80
Suitable habitat remaining	665	1,984
% Suitable habitat post-harvest	67.5%	43.8%

Figure 1.
Little Green AC
Habitat Assessment &
NSO Observations
West Oregon District

- Proud Mary Timber Sale
- Bark Beetle Bailey Timber Sale
- Unknown Strix Observations
- Barred Owl Observations

Spotted Owl Activity Center

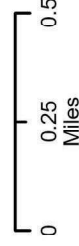
- Pair
- Abandoned

- Spotted Owl Buffers**
- 0.7 - mile Radius
 - 1.5 - mile Radius

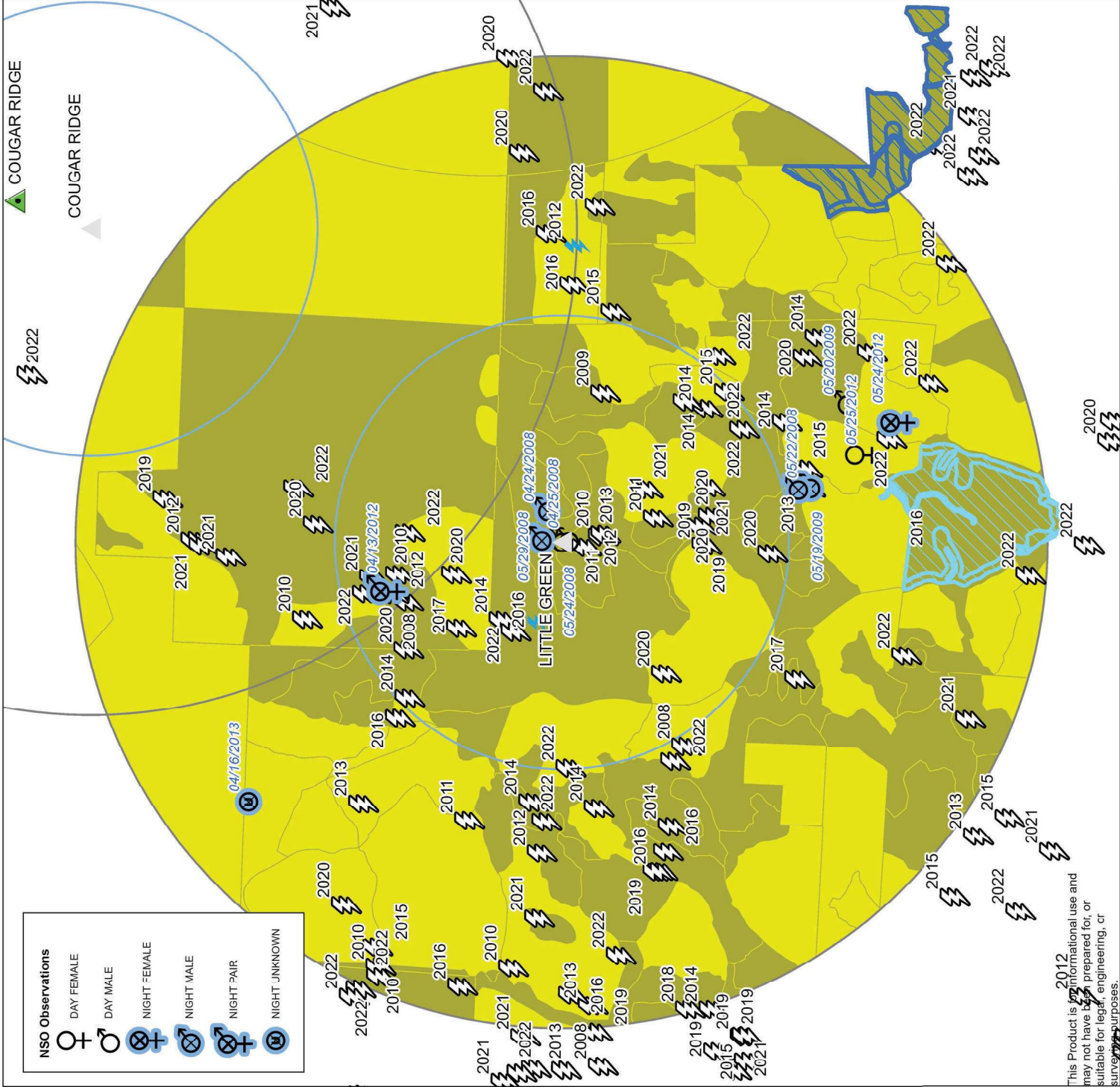
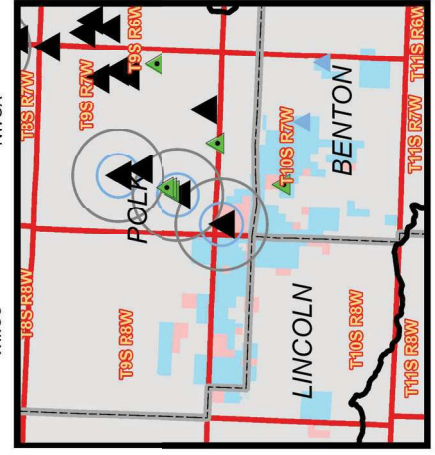
- Habitat Assessment**
- Suitable
 - Non-Suitable



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- NSO Observations**
- DAY FEMALE
 - DAY MALE
 - NIGHT FEMALE
 - NIGHT MALE
 - NIGHT PAIR
 - NIGHT UNKNOWN

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Figure 2. Little Green AC Orthoimagery & Harvest History West Oregon District

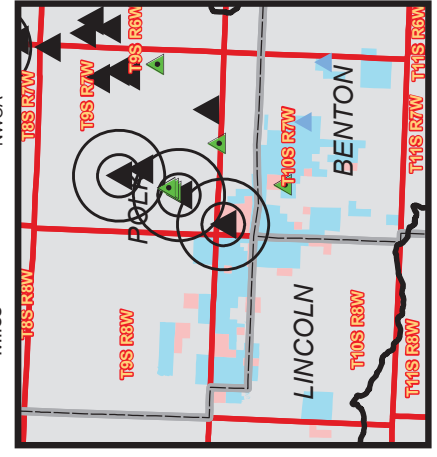
- Proud Mary Timber Sale
 - Bark Beetle Bailey Timber Sale
 - Federal Ownership
 - Industrial Ownership
- Previous Sales**
- 1996-1997 AOP Year
 - 2000-2006 AOP Year
 - 2011-2019 AOP Year
- Spotted Owl Activity Center**
- Pair
 - Abandoned



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