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Dear Steven:

At the Barred Owl workshop you facilitated in Arcata, California, in June 2005, a group of participants agreed to produce an overview of research and management options that address the relationships between Barred Owls and Spotted Owls. The purpose of that effort was to consolidate relevant information on research and management options, and was necessitated by the broad range of perspectives and interests expressed at the workshop. The review has been completed and the resulting report, entitled "Research and management options to address interspecific relationships between Barred Owls (*Strix varia*) and Spotted Owls (*S. occidentalis occidentalis* and *S. o. caurina*)," is attached to this e-mail message. In addition to me, Robert Anthony, Tim Cullinan, Lowell Diller, Eric Forsman, Alan Franklin and R. Gutiérrez are co-authors of the report.

It is our hope that the report will provide a useful framework for policymakers in designing, funding, and implementing research and management actions to investigate the relationships between these species that will ultimately benefit Spotted Owls. The perspectives outlined in the report are scientific in nature, and the recommendations are logical extensions of the scientific information and are not intended as policy statements by any of the authors or organizations they represent.

On behalf of my co-authors, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your efforts to organize and facilitate the Barred Owl workshop.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or comments about the report.

Sincerely,

Joseph B. Buchanan

cc: Participants of Barred Owl Workshop