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Subject: Additional No Take Scenario

Hi Chris,

Through recent discussions with CAL FIRE staff, it has become apparent that an additional "No Take Scenario" would be helpful in addressing noise disturbance only effects for timber operations within suitable northern spotted owl habitat. The following No Take Scenario may be amended into the February 2008 guidance documents provided by the Service. Below the scenario, are two examples of when this scenario might be applied.

- 1. Suitable habitat within harvest units; and**
- 2. Timber operations will not remove, downgrade, or degrade habitat (i.e. noise disturbance is only effect):**
 - a. Seasonal restriction from February 1 to July 9**

Examples of when this scenario may be applied include, but are not limited to:

1. Hauling along roads within 0.25 mile of active NSO nests or unsurveyed activity centers.
2. Felling is complete, but trees still need to be skidded to landings.

The Service believes that with this additional "No Take Scenario" CAL FIRE is now able to address the request for Technical Assistance for the Kuck THP (2-05-189-SIS). The Service, therefore, will not be completing Technical Assistance for the Kuck THP as requested in a letter dated April 10, 2009.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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