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RE: the "Endangered Species Act Amendments of 2018."

**The Honorable John Barrasso, MD Chairman
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510.**

Dear Mr. Barrasso;

Again your work and concerns are greatly assisting Rural America with wise legislative amendments. Those efforts will aid my County in a variety of ways.

As you know, we have in our special Southwest Oregon County Corner; varied habitats for the Northern Spotted Owl, Snowy Plover, Bald Eagle, Marbled Murrelet, and various other Fish and Wildlife. Nearly all are either on the "E.S.A. watch list", the threatened list, the endangered list or changing from one level of listing to another.

These routine and anticipated premature listings severely restrict our Timber Harvest negatively impacting our livability, economic vitality, schools, and public safety.

More science is needed as we should fully understand and too need to be reminded – *science is always changing*. I look forward to future correspondence regarding other critical projects from your distinguished Environment and Public Works Committee.

Oregon sends sincere gratitude to you and your great staff.

Thank You.

Court Boice, Curry County Commissioner