

RESOLUTION NO. 395

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE'S PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL.

WHEREAS, the city of Brookings is concerned with the economic and social well being of the people of the city of Brookings, as well as the future of all species, including the spotted owl, and,

WHEREAS, this group has reviewed and discussed the Forest Service's proposal to designate 1.8 million acres of old-growth timber in Washington and Oregon, including 690,000 acres of land now available as part of the region's timber base, as habitat for the spotted owl, and,

WHEREAS, our community is significantly dependent upon a sustained yield of timber from the National Forests to provide the base for employment, incomes, and financial support for schools and roads, and,

WHEREAS, the Forest Service plan will reduce this critical timber supply, and,

WHEREAS, the spotted owl is not federally listed as threatened or endangered; and there is a major lack of scientific information on the habitat needs of the species, and,

WHEREAS, there are about 4.7 million acres of suitable habitat now available to the bird, of which over 4 million acres will remain at the end of the century,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Brookings City Council goes on record in opposition to the Forest Service proposal and further urges the Regional Forester and the Chief of the Forest Service to develop and adopt a new alternative which would:

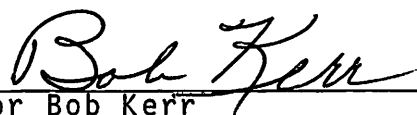
A. Give equal weight to timber supply/community stability concerns as to owl habitat preferences in making a decision,

B. Provide for no allocations of lands now available for timber production nor schedule any reductions in timber sale levels on behalf of the owl during the life of the upcoming Forest Plans,

C. Make maximum use of available habitat on withdrawn lands such as wilderness; and appropriately schedule harvest on other lands to maintain reasonable options for future management of the owl,

D. Provide for an intensive research program over the next decade to identify the true habitat needs of the owl and develop owl management alternatives.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the mayor and city council of the city of Brookings, Oregon on this 17th day of November, 1986.



Mayor Bob Kerr

ATTEST:



City Recorder Judy Pectol