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Dear Sirs:

The USDA Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Research Station participates in marbled murrelet monitoring as part of an interagency cooperative effort. Marbled murrelet population size and trends are estimated by annual sampling of populations in near-shore waters, using a standardized, boat-based line transect method. Trends in the amount and quality of nesting habitat in the Northwest Forest Plan area are being evaluated using habitat suitability models applied to current vegetation maps.

All of these evaluations have been with the active cooperation and participation of and are being reported to the Northwest Forest Plan's Marbled Murrelet Monitoring Team led by Gary Falxa of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

If you need additional information, please contact our Station Statistician, Jim Baldwin (jbaldwin@fs.fed.us, 510-559-6332).

Sincerely,

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