



## Court Decisions

### 1. None to Report.

## Litigation Update

### 1. NOI | Bull Trout

**NOI Filed Alleging ESA Violations for Failure to Re-initiate Consultation on Bull Trout.** On January 27, 2015, Cottonwood Environmental Law Center, on behalf of Western Watersheds Project, Native Ecosystems Council, WildEarth Guardians, and Cascadia Wildlands, filed an NOI alleging that the Forest Service is in violation of Section 7 of the ESA for failure to re-initiate consultation on the INFISH and PACFISH management strategies, the amendments that adopted the strategies into Forest Plans, and every Forest plan that adopted PACFISH and INFISH. The NOI also gave notice of Cottonwood's intent to challenge four site-specific projects that relied on either INFISH or PACFISH to come to a no-adverse modification determination. Cottonwood claims that re-initiation of consultation is necessary because new critical habitat for bull trout was designated in 2010.

### 2. NOI | Forest Management | Region 5

**NOI Filed Alleging ESA Violations Regarding Northern Spotted Owl and Grey Wolf.** On February 3, 2015, an NOI was filed on behalf of Conservation Congress alleging that the Forest Service's approval of the Harris Vegetation Management Project on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest violates the ESA for failure to conduct adequate surveys to determine whether grey wolves may be present in the Project area, failure to analyze potential adverse effects of the project on the grey wolf, failure to provide for monitoring to determine the presence of and/or effects on the grey wolf during the project, and failure to utilize the best available scientific and commercial data in its analyses.

## New Cases

### 1. None to Report.

## Natural Resource Management Decisions Involving Other Agencies

### 1. None to Report.