

**Naches Ranger District  
Operation Plan  
Bird Box Placement on Forest Service Permit Sites**

**2004**

**Boxes may NOT be placed on live trees. You may place a box on the cabin or outbuilding or on a self supporting pole or post. Placing boxes, or other devices on live trees can create very hazardous conditions for those loggers or log mills who will eventually process that tree and can result in killing the tree. Most trees in permitted lots or areas will eventually be treated as a hazard tree — let's make sure that the trees are safe to work on.**

**Boxes may be placed as follows:**

- 1. Box density for individual species needs to be managed. Too many boxes of a particular type exceeds the capacity for that species and the boxes are simply not used.**
- 2. Boxes must be placed in the perimeter of the permit or in areas where use is not concentrated or usual.**
- 4. Compatibility with the cabin or outbuilding, and with other bird boxes is critical. Individual bird boxes must not conflict. Generally, bird boxes should not be intervisible.**
- 5. Box aspect is critical for some species. Wood Duck boxes need to be placed so that the opening is toward water. Generally, for all types of boxes, the opening must face outward from the camp activity, toward the camp boundary or toward the areas of less use or more solitude. Generally, we are inclined to place boxes where we can view the bird activities, but the birds do not prefer this arrangement.**
- 6. Bat boxes may be placed in the same manner but shade is a primary consideration for these boxes.**
- 7. If you wish to create a bird perch by topping a tree, or if you wish to create other habitat conditions in live or dead trees, contact the Naches Ranger Station for specific approval. Generally, these requests are initiated with a hazard tree request form.**