

Red-cockaded woodpecker Survey Protocols for Municipalities

In order to avoid inadvertent removal of pine habitat supporting the federally listed endangered red-cockaded woodpecker and any potential violation of the Federal Endangered Species Act, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) requests that all municipalities within Moore County, NC institute the following screening procedure as part of its land clearing and construction permit review process.

Using the GIS data provided to your office by the USFWS, screen all permit applications using the information key provided below. Follow the recommended procedure listed for each category.

1. RCW Cluster Areas and Yellow Partitions: All proposed projects* that occur inside RCW Cluster Areas and/or Yellow partitions **MUST** be reviewed by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sandhills Sub-Office for approval.

3. Green partitions: All proposed projects* **outside** of the RCW cluster core areas but within the **inactive** foraging partitions must be surveyed for cavity trees. This work can be done by either an environmental consultant or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Sandhills Sub-office. The Survey Protocol from the Red-cockaded Woodpecker Recovery Plan must be followed.

*Projects include but are not limited to: removal of pine trees greater than 8 inches in diameter, construction of buildings, campgrounds, roads, recreational developments, residential dwellings, and industrial or business complexes.

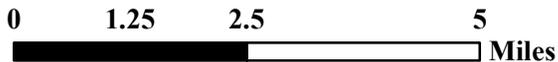
Requests to evaluate impacts of proposed development on residential properties may be either faxed (910-695-3322), emailed (ncsandhillscw@fws.gov) or mailed to the USFWS Sandhills Sub-office at the address below. The following information is required in order to complete an evaluation:

- ✓ Name and mailing address of applicant
- ✓ Subject property's lot number, street address
- ✓ Property LRK number or Parcel ID
- ✓ Type of activity proposed (new home construction, room addition, pool construction, etc.)
- ✓ For some areas a **site plan** showing the location of the proposed action on the property including the size class (diameter) and total number of pine trees proposed for removal, may also be required

The applicant will receive a response within 21 working days from receipt of the request.

For more information about **private landowner responsibilities** and red-cockaded woodpeckers please visit:
http://www.fws.gov/rcwrecovery/files/RecoveryPlan/private_land_guidelines.pdf

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Red-cockaded Woodpecker Partitions

- Red-cockaded Woodpecker Clusters
- Active Partitions
- Inactive Partitions

CITY

- ABERDEEN
- PINEBLUFF
- PINEHURST
- SOUTHERN PINES
- WHISPERING PINES