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Category A Construction or Development Activities Step by Step Guidelines & Conservation Measures

Step 4. Determining whether your activity is likely to disturb nesting bald eagles.

You have determined that your activity is one of the following:

Building construction, 1 or 2 story, with a project footprint of 1/2 acre or less.

Construction of roads, trails, canals, power lines, and other linear utilities.

Agriculture or aquaculture operations - new or expanded.

Alteration of shoreline or wetlands.

Installation of docks or moorings.

Water impoundment.

You have determined that the bald eagle nest (active or alternate) can be seen from the activity or project site and there is similar activity within 1 mile of the nest.

Therefore, to avoid disturbing nesting eagles and their young, we recommend that you:

maintain a buffer of at least 660 feet (201 meters) between your activities and the nest (including active and alternate nests), or as close as existing tolerated activity of similar scope, i.e. maintain a buffer at least as far from the nest as the existing tolerated activity, and within 660 (201 meters) feet of the nest (including active and alternate nests), restrict any clearing, external construction or landscaping activities to outside the nesting season (outside the nesting season is from mid to late May through early to late September. Nesting season in the Southeast is generally Oct 1- May 15), and; maintain established landscape buffers that screen the activity from the nest.

Determination

Yes - I can meet these guidelines. I don't think my project will disturb eagles and I do not wish to apply for a permit at this time.

No - I cannot meet these guidelines.

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