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Timber Operations and Forestry Practices

Step by Step Guidelines & Conservation Measures

Step 2. Determining whether your activity is likely to disturb nesting bald eagles.

Your activity is timber operations and forestry practices.

Therefore, to avoid disturbing nesting eagles and their young, it is recommended that you:

Avoid clear-cutting or removal of overstory trees within 330 feet (100 meters) of both *active and alternate nests* at any time.

Avoid timber harvesting operations, including road construction and chain saw and yarding operations, during the nesting season within 660 feet (200 meters) of the nest. The distance may be decreased to 330 feet around alternate nests within a particular territory, including nests that were attended during the current nesting season but not used to raise young, after eggs laid in another nest within the territory have hatched.

Selective thinning and other silviculture management practices designed to conserve or enhance habitat, including prescribed burning close to the nest tree, should be undertaken outside the nesting season or when eagles are not present.

If burning during the nesting season is necessary: Conduct burns only when adult eagles and young are absent from the nest tree (i.e., at the beginning of, or end of, the nesting season, either before the particular nest is active or after the young have fledged from that nest).

Take precautions such as raking leaves and woody debris from around the nest tree to prevent crown fire or fire climbing the nest tree. Avoid construction of log transfer facilities and in-water log storage areas within 330 feet (100 meters) of active and alternate nests.

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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