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## Category B 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, 3 or more stories.

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

Mining.

Oil and natural gas drilling and refining.

Installation or expansion of marinas with a capacity of 6 or more boats.

**You have determined that the bald eagle nest (active or alternate) can be seen from the project site and that there is similar activity within 660 feet (200 meters) of the nest.**

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

1. maintain a buffer of at least 660 feet (200 meters) between all your activities and the nest (including *active and alternate nests definitions*), or if a similar activity is closer than 660 feet, then maintain a distance buffer at least as far from the nest as the existing tolerated activity,

2. within 660 feet (200 meters) of the nest (including active and alternate nests), restrict all clearing, external construction, and landscaping activities to outside the nesting season (i.e., 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),

3. maintain any established landscape buffers, and

4. if possible, create additional landscape buffers to screen the new activity from 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.

--Click here for the [Permit Application web page.](#)



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