



BALD EAGLE DISTURBANCE PERMIT APPLICATION
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
 Division of Habitat and Species Conservation, Species Conservation Planning Section
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(Please Print or Type)

A. General Applicant Information: Complete with contact information of the responsible party or potential Permittee. If you are a Consultant/Authorized Agent signing on the behalf of a client, please attach an Authorized Agent designation letter from your client and provide your contact information on page 2.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: () _____ Fax: () _____

Alt. Phone Number: () _____ Email Address**: _____

This application is for a(n): New Permit Renewal Amendment To Existing Permit

Previous Eagle Disturbance Permit Number: _____

****To provide more timely exchange of information please check this box:**

I authorize FWC to send me requests for additional information and final agency permitting actions by e-mail. Future agency actions will be provided henceforth by email.

Have you ever been convicted or found guilty, regardless of adjudication, of a wildlife violation or crime involving cruelty to animals? YES NO

If yes, please explain and list the type of violation cited and the county/state where the violation occurred:

Have you ever had a fish or wildlife-related permit suspended or revoked? YES NO

If yes, please explain: _____

Applicant/Authorized Agent Signature: _____

Certification: I hereby swear and affirm by signature that the information submitted in this application and supporting documents is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement herein may subject me to criminal penalties. I further state that I will abide by all applicable state, federal, and local laws.

Complete all information that is applicable to your permit request. If additional space is required other than what is provided on the form, you may provide additional attachments as long as they are clearly marked and identifiable. Applications are not complete and therefore will not be evaluated until all requested information, maps and reporting documentation required by previously held permits (if applicable) has been submitted.

B. Consultant/Authorized Agent Information:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____
 Affiliation: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone Number: () _____ Fax: () _____
 Alt. Phone Number: () _____ Email Address**: _____

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Is the information presented below in reference to an Emergency Eagle Activity¹ conducted in association with recovery from a federal or state declared disaster (i.e. - after-action request)?

Yes No

C. Impact Site Description

1. What is the physical location of the property/nest tree: Residential Commercial

Parcel i.d.	Street address	City	County	Township	Range	Section(s)

What is the total acreage of project site? _____ acres.

2. What is the proposed commencement date and duration of the activity, time of day or night for each activity? _____

3. What is the FWC number and current status of the affected nest(s)? _____
 Attach a general vicinity map and an aerial map depicting the 330 ft. and 660 ft. perimeter around each nest (no larger than 11" x 17" and labeled with legend preferred).

4. Is the nest tree located in an open space or are trees present?
 Yes; open space without other trees No; other trees are present

¹ See Bald Eagle Management Plan (BEMP), April 9, 2008, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, pg. 31 for guidance.

5. Describe the vegetative communities and their conditions by completing the table below.

Veg. species	Basal Area (BA)	Age class	% age of total BA

You may continue on a separate page labeled as "Impact Site Description continued" (Attach digital photographs or other media, including landmarks to depict the habitat.)

6. Will the nest be visible from within the project footprint or activity area? Yes No

7A. Are there existing similar structures/activities within 660 feet of the nest? Yes No
If yes, list them in the table below.

Project activity category (A-I)*	distance from nest tree (ft)	Description of the similar structure/activity**

* - See pages 26-29 of the Bald Eagle Management Plan (BEMP) for category descriptions.
** - How it is similar in nature, size, and use to an existing structure/activity.

7B. If no, are there existing similar structures/activities within 1500 feet of the nest? Yes No
If yes, list them in the table below.

Project activity category (A-I)*	distance from nest tree (ft)	Description of the similar structure/activity**

* - See pages 26-29 of the BEMP for category descriptions.
** - How it is similar in nature, size, and use to an existing structure/activity.

D. Description of Project Activity

8. Activities that may disturb nesting bald eagles are divided into nine categories (A-I) based on their nature and magnitude. Check the box for *each* proposed activity for this project.

- Category A** - Building construction of one or two stories, and with a project footprint of ≤0.5 acre; Construction of roads, trails, canals, power lines, or other linear utilities; New or expanded agriculture or aquaculture operations; Alteration of shorelines, aquatic habitat, or other wetlands; Installation of docks or moorings; Water impoundment.
- Category B**- Building construction of one or two stories, and with a project footprint of >0.5 acre; Building construction of three or more stories; Installation or expansion of

marinas with a capacity of six or more boats; Mining; Oil or natural gas drilling or refining.

- Category C- Land Management Practices, including Forestry-** the project is unable to:
1. Avoid clear-cutting within 330 feet of the nest at any time and emergency provision is not in effect.
 2. Avoid construction of log transfer facilities and in-water log storage areas within 330 feet of the nest. Use of any existing road may continue at the historic rate, but avoid routing logging traffic within 330 feet of an active nest during the nesting season.
 3. Avoid timber harvesting, replanting, or other silvicultural operations, including road construction and chain saw and yarding operations, within 660 feet of the nest tree during the nesting season.
 4. Avoid prescribed burning within 330 feet of the nest or the installation or maintenance of fire lines within 660 feet of the nest during the nesting season.
 5. Avoid use of heavy equipment within 50 feet of the nest tree is planned for an activity.

Category (D-I) please list the activity below.

9. Provide a detailed description of *each* proposed activity, including: a) the specific distance of construction or land clearing from the nest and b) exact timing of the work (e.g. exterior construction of a single family home will be conducted up to 440' from the nest tree, during daylight hours, between the months of February-March).

Activity category (A-I)	Construction/Clearing distance from nest tree (ft)	Project Timing		
		Daylight / After daylight hours	Month - Month	Year

You may continue on a separate page labeled as "Description of Project Activity continued"

10. What is the potential for water contamination or contamination of foraging areas from pollution, run-off, etc.? _____

11. What type of activities can be expected to occur once the project or activity is completed, i.e. annual fireworks, boating, etc? _____

12. Will the project allow for land management activities, i.e. prescribe burning, timber thinning etc?
 Yes No If yes, explain. _____

13. Will the project/activity (listed in items 8 and 9 above) affect the foraging areas? Yes No
What anticipated activities will be occurring between the completed project area and the foraging area? _____

E. Minimization Measures:

14A. What will the buffer be between the project footprint or activity area and the nest tree?
 1. Landscaped vegetation buffer. Will it provide for alternate or replacement nest trees?
Yes No
 2. Existing natural vegetation buffer. Will it provide for alternate or replacement nest trees?
Yes No
 3. Planted natural vegetation buffer.
Please provide a detailed description of the above designated buffer.

14B. Is there any risk of eagle electrocution or collision with power lines and communication towers?
Yes No
If yes, attach a document with specific details of which avian “friendly” safety measures will be implemented for utility lines include recommendations for retrofitting utilities with “avian-friendly” hardware and information on how to discourage eagles and other large raptors from perching on or near hazardous towers (see page 42 of the FWC BEMP).

14C. The following minimization measures are intended to reduce the potential for disturbing eagles and may be required as part of a FWC Eagle Permit. Check *each* of the following minimization measures that you will **NOT** implement for this project.

Construction-related Activities Within 660 Feet of an Eagle Nest:

- Applicable Not applicable (proceed to land management activities below)
- 1. Implement the Bald Eagle Monitoring Guidelines (USFWS 2007d) for all site work or exterior construction activities. Avoid exterior construction activities within 330 feet of the nest during the nesting season.
 - 2. Avoid construction activity (except those related to emergencies) within 100 feet of an eagle nest during any time of the year except for nests built on artificial structures, or when similar scope may allow construction activities to occur closer than 100 feet.
 - 3. Avoid the use or placement of heavy equipment within 50 feet of the nest tree at any time to avoid potential impacts to the tree roots. This minimization does not apply to existing roads, trails, or other linear facilities near an eagle nest, or to nests built on artificial structures.

- 4. Schedule construction activities so that construction farther from the nest occurs before construction closer to the nest.
- 5. Shield new exterior lighting so that lights do not shine directly onto the nest.
- 6. Create, enhance, or expand the visual vegetative buffer between construction activities and the nest by planting appropriate native pines or hardwoods.
- 7. Site storm water ponds no closer than 100 feet from the eagle nest, and construct them outside the nesting season. Consider planting native pines or hardwoods around the pond to create, enhance, or expand the visual buffer.
- 8. Incorporate industry-approved avian-safe features for all new utility construction <www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/issues/APP/AVIAN%20PROTECTION%20PLAN%20FINAL%204%2019%2005.pdf>.
- 9. Retain the largest native pines for use as potential roost or nest sites.

Explain why each checked minimization measure will not be implemented, on a separate attachment labeled “Minimization Measures continued”.

Land-Management Activities Within 660 Feet of an Eagle Nest

- Applicable Not applicable

Most land management activities can be planned to comply with the FWC Eagle Management Guidelines and will not require a permit. For land management activities that receive a FWC Eagle Permit, the following minimization efforts are recommended, unless it is not applicable to the specific project. Please indicate which activities you will **NOT** implement for this project:

- 1. Avoid the use or placement of heavy equipment within 50 feet of the nest tree to avoid potential impacts to tree roots. This minimization does not apply to existing roads, trails, or other linear facilities near an eagle nest or to nests built on artificial structures.
- 2. Plan the activity to avoid the nesting season to the greatest extent possible. Avoid disruptive activities when eagles are incubating eggs or when nestlings are close to fledging.
- 3. Schedule activities so that activities farther from the nest occur before activities closer to the nest.
- 4. Maintain the greatest possible vegetative buffer between land management activities and the nest.
- 5. Retain the largest native pines for use as potential roost or nest trees.

Explain why each checked minimization measure will not be implemented, on a separate attachment labeled “Minimization Measures continued”.

F. Conservation Measures:

One conservation measure should be included with applications for an activity that will occur between 330 and 660 feet from the bald eagle nest. Two conservation measures should be included with applications for an activity occurring within 330 feet of the nest and one of the two measures should be a \$35,455² contribution to the Bald Eagle Management Fund (#1, below). When activities would likely cause disturbance during only one nesting season, conservation measures need not be provided if they

² The financial contribution amount is subject to change on March 1 each year. Please consult with the Bald Eagle Management Plan Coordinator for the current contribution amount or visit MyFWC.com/eagle.

would only affect an alternate nest, but conservation measures should be provided if they will affect an active nest.

15A. Indicate which conservation measure(s) will be implemented for this project by marking the appropriate box(es).

- 1. Contribute \$35,455³ to the Bald Eagle Management Fund to support bald eagle monitoring and research.
- 2. Provide a financial assurance in the amount of \$50,000. Only surety bonds are being accepted. No letters of credit are being accepted at this time.
- 3. Grant a conservation easement over the 330-foot buffer zone of an active or alternate bald eagle nest within the same or an adjacent county, or within the same core nesting area. When the buffer is only partially owned by the applicant, contribute an onsite easement over the portion of the 330-foot buffer zone to which the applicant holds title.
- 4. Grant a conservation easement over suitable bald eagle nesting habitat onsite or offsite.
- 5. Propose an alternate conservation measure that advances the goal of the management plan based upon the particular facts and circumstances presented by the applicant.

15B. Provide specific description of each proposed conservation measure (i.e. if monetary contribution, state the amount and intended recipient or conservation easement: full or partial etc.) on a separate attachment labeled “Conservation Measure description” include draft documents.

16. If the proposed minimization or conservation measures include limited impact to or preservation of suitable eagle habitat, you must provide:

1. A thorough description of the habitat (see #5 above): _____

2. The vegetation species composition:

Vegetation Species	Dominant/ Recessive (D/R)	Age Class	Size Class

3. Basal area of the site and the land surrounding the site: _____

4. List areas of mature trees (>60 yrs) to indicate if there are alternative nest or roost trees available: _____

³ See footnote 2 above.

5. Attach digital photographs of the above documented suitable eagle habitat description.

G. Application Checklist

- Signed Authorized Agent letter
- Appropriate vicinity and aerial maps
- Avian “friendly” safety measure document
- Minimization Measure description
- Conservation Measure description (include other documents, such as draft conservation easement, financial assurance letters/agreements, etc.)
- Digital photograph of suitable eagle habitat (see question 16.5)
- Additional attachments if necessary

Mail complete application to *each* office below:

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