

2008 Humboldt Redwood Company (HRC) Golden Eagle Annual Report
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Summary

In 2008, a total of 38 stations were surveyed to monitor 8 timber harvesting plans (THPs) located within potential golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) habitat. Golden eagle activity was documented in all territories surveyed but no new nests were located and no historic nests were documented as active.

Introduction

The golden eagle is listed as a California State Species of Special Concern, a Board of Forestry Sensitive species and a California Fully Protected Species. The objective of surveying for golden eagles on HRC lands is to locate new nests and monitor known nests located near THPs to minimize potential disturbance to these sites from forest management related activities during the eagle breeding season (15 January to 1 September).

Methods

Survey methods followed guidelines outlined in the 27 March 2006 property-wide consultation for golden eagles on Humboldt Redwood Company lands as amended 11 March 2008 from the California Department of Fish and Game (Appendix I).

Results

A total of 38 stations were surveyed to monitor 8 THPs located within potential golden eagle habitat (Appendix II – THPs surveyed and associated stations). Eight historic