

Weyerhaeuser Company

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Protection and preservation of American bald eagles is the objective of a new woods operating policy adopted by Weyerhaeuser Company.

Classification of the nation's symbolic bird as an endangered species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service led to this special effort to safeguard eagles and their nesting sites on the company's tree farms in Oregon and Western Washington.

Nests are usually located in tall, snag-topped trees. Since preservation of these sites is of critical importance to the eagles, emphasis will be placed on locating and protecting active and recently active nest trees. Weyerhaeuser forest engineers will map known nest locations on company lands and report them to the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. Additional nests located in the future will be recorded in the same way.

In the company's 2.8 million acres of western tree farms there are known to be upwards of half a dozen pairs of nesting eagles. Under the new policy nest trees will be specially protected. Woods operations in their vicinity will be curtailed as much as possible to avoid disturbing the birds during the period when nests are in use. Nesting sites will not be made

public for the same reason.

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In another phase of eagle conservation about 65,000 hunting maps being distributed this fall by Weyerhaeuser Company and other forest products concerns in Western Washington and Oregon will contain information on how to identify eagles and caution against shooting them. Molesting or destroying eagles is a federal crime with maximum penalties of a \$500 fine and six months in jail, but offenses still occur. Immature bald eagles resemble large, brown hawks and lack the white head and tail of adult birds.



