

# **ANNUAL OSPREY REPORT 2025 Survey Year**

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## Introduction

In 2006, Green Diamond Resource Company (GDRCo) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) developed and began implementing an ownership-wide osprey consultation protocol for timber harvest plans (THPs).

In accordance with this consultation protocol, between March 15<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup>, GDRCo biologists conduct searches and status checks for historic and active osprey nests occurring within 0.25 mile of ground-based operations and 0.5 mile of helicopter-based operations expected to be active during the critical period for osprey. The critical period is March 1<sup>st</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup> and extends to August 15<sup>th</sup> for occupied nests. Nest status need not be determined if ground-based operations within 0.25 mile of the nest or helicopter-based operations within 0.5 mile of the nest occur outside the critical period. If timber harvest operations commence between August 15<sup>th</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>, then a check for late-season occupancy of the nest is required. This check ensures that unfledged chicks are not present at the nest.

The ownership-wide consultation allows operations within 0.25 mile (but not within 500 feet) of occupied nests during the breeding season so long as operations occur as late in the breeding season as operationally feasible and encroach upon the 0.25-mile disturbance buffer and nest gradually. If operations are to occur within the 0.25-mile disturbance buffer during the breeding season, the nest must be monitored to determine if operations are adversely affecting the nesting osprey or their young.

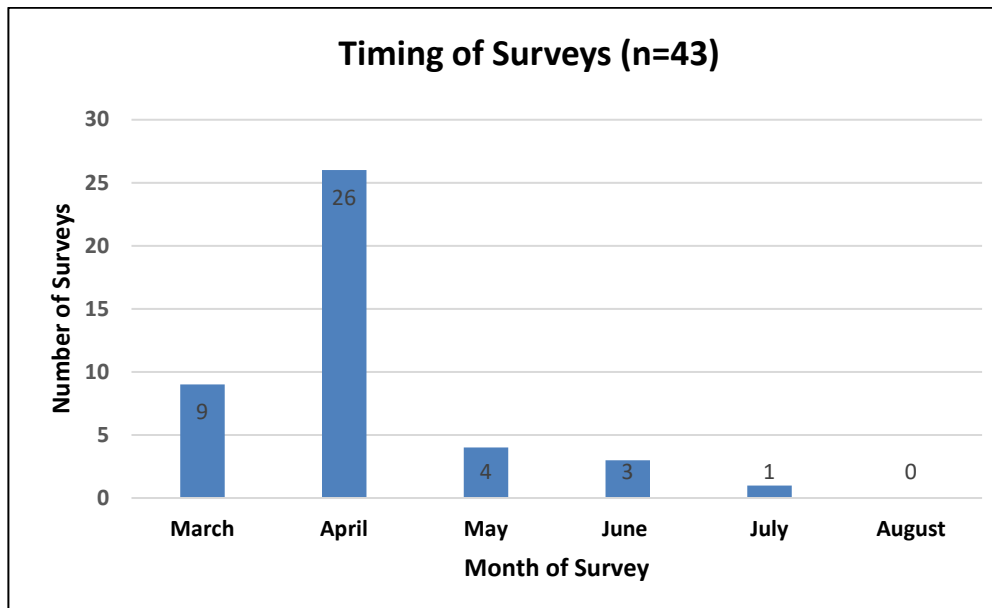
This report summarizes the survey results for osprey nests covered by the consultation during 2025. An occupied nest is defined as a nest or nest tree used by an osprey pair during the current nesting season. An active nest is defined as a nest or nest tree used at least once during the three most recent nesting seasons. A tree may be considered an active nest tree even if it has lost all or a portion of its stick nest, provided that suitable substrate for rebuilding the nest remains. A historic nest is defined as a nest or nest tree used at some time in the past but is not currently occupied or active.

## Summary of Results

Fifteen historic or active nests or nest trees were surveyed a total of 43 times in 2025 (Figure 1). Of the 15 nests surveyed, two nests were occupied, 13 were unoccupied, and zero had unknown occupancy (Table 1). Surveys to confirm reproductive success were conducted for two nests (Table 2). Surveys to confirm reproduction are only required when operations are planned within 0.25 mile of an occupied nest during the critical period. Therefore, reproductive surveys are not conducted at all occupied sites in a given season, and no inferences should be made regarding osprey productivity.

No helicopter-based THP operations occurred within 0.5 mile of historic or active osprey nests during the 2025 critical period. Four ground-based THPs with operations during the critical period occurred within 0.25 mile of nine osprey nests (Table 1). Eight of the nine osprey nests were unoccupied, and one nest was occupied (Table 1). One occupied nest (Salt #8) located within 0.25 mile of THP 1-21-0005-DEL was newly discovered after commencement and near completion of operations. CDFW was immediately contacted for consultation. The birds displayed no disturbance behaviors in response to operations; therefore, operations were allowed to continue (Table 3).

No operations occurred within 0.25 mile of osprey nests where occupancy could not be determined. Refer to Table 1 for a complete summary of the status of the 2025 osprey nests and Map 1 for the nest location and THP unit boundaries.



**Figure 1:** Timing of surveys conducted during the 2025 osprey critical period.

**Table 1.** Summary of occupancy status by nest site and activity within 0.25 mile during the breeding season, 2025.

Site Name	Ground-based operations within 0.25 mile during critical period	State ID	Occupancy Status
Casino #5	None	Not Applicable	Unoccupied
Casino #6	None	Not Applicable	Unoccupied
M200 #2	None	Not Applicable	Occupied
M200 #3	None	Not Applicable	Unoccupied
McGarv 37	66-2401	1-24-00198-DEL	Unoccupied
McKay #13	19-2301	1-24-00159-HUM	Unoccupied
Oma South #2	None	Not Applicable	Unoccupied
Oma South #5	None	Not Applicable	Unoccupied
Salt #3	70-2001	1-21-00005-DEL	Unoccupied
Salt #4	70-2001	1-21-00005-DEL	Unoccupied
Salt #5	70-2001	1-21-00005-DEL	Unoccupied
Salt #6	70-2001	1-21-00005-DEL	Unoccupied
Salt #7	70-2001	1-21-00005-DEL	Unoccupied
Salt #8	70-2001	1-21-00005-DEL	Occupied
Wilson #3	71-2302	1-24-00045-DEL	Unoccupied

**Table 2.** Occupied sites with survey results confirming reproduction, 2025.

Site Name	Ground-based operations within 0.25 mile during the critical period	Occupancy Status	Survey Results
M200 #2	None	Occupied	3/17/2025: No osprey observed 3/24/2025: No osprey observed 4/21/2025: Two adults and one juvenile on nest
Salt #8	70-2001	Occupied	7/28/2025: Adult and one juvenile on nest

**Table 3.** Summary of concurrent nest monitoring, 2025.

Site Name	Date	Duration	Operations	Observations
Salt #8	7/28/2025	17:25 – 18:38	Yarder active within buffer plus additional stationary equipment and road use	No indication of disturbance. Adult female observed flying closer to the active operations and perching nearby. Adult male observed perched on nest tree adjacent to juvenile.

# Map 1. Osprey Nests Within 0.25 Miles of 2025 Harvest Units



1 in = 5 miles

15N

16N

15N

14N

13N

12N

11N

10N

9N

Orick

12N

11<sub>1/2</sub>N

11N

4E

10N

9N

4E

1 inch = 1,400 feet

