

**Subject:** RE: Fort Chipewyan Cemetery

Hi ;

Thanks for the inquires about raptors and avoiding impacts to raptors. In general, our guidance is that projects that have potential to impact wildlife must meet due diligence in avoiding contravening the Alberta Wildlife Act.

For raptors, and in relation to tree clearing as you mentioned, this means confirming if there are active nest sites in your foot print. This would apply to all raptors. The [Sensitive Species Inventory Guidelines](#) that we publish can be of use, and it shows how to survey for raptors in the boreal region. Section 8.0 outlines the guidelines for Boreal and Foothills Raptors. These guidelines are good for when you don't know if there raptors nesting in your project footprint.

However, reading your email below, this is for the new Fort Chip cemetery that is within the Sensitive Raptor Range along Lake Athabasca. These features are for Peregrine Falcon nesting areas, and is a buffered zone around known Peregrine Falcons nesting sites.

Our expectation is that the RMWB will be compliant under the Wildlife Act, which means you will avoid harming/harassing/injuring/killing wildlife, which in this case is birds of prey and species at risk. This expectation would include impacts from both construction of, and the operations of, RMWB projects. You do not need approvals

The [Master Schedule of Standards and Conditions](#), can be used to understand some of the measures that Industry would have to take if they were developing in this zone on provincial crown land. However, since this land is owned by RMWB, you are not required to follow this document as Industry would. However, there is good information in here that can help you navigate due diligence in terms of avoiding contravening the Alberta Wildlife Act. Section 10.2 in the document outlines the sensitive raptor standards and conditions.

The goal would is to ensure that proponents (in this case the RMWB) do not impact the nesting Peregrine Falcons (e.g. they abandon nesting areas or that nests fail). If you have shown due diligence, you would be able to demonstrate that you did everything reasonable to avoid impacting these falcons during you work and in the operations of the cemetery.

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