

As its contribution toward efforts to save eagles, the company recently adopted a policy which states:

"The bald eagle, emblem of our nation, is in danger of becoming extinct. Northern States Power Company and its subsidiary, United Power and Land Company, have adopted a policy which will provide protection for the nesting areas and migration routes of this bird. Approximately 30 thousand acres of wilderness river land owned by Northern States Power Company and its subsidiary, United Power and Land Company, will be subject to the following rules and regulations . . ."

These include: showing all known nests and their buffer zones on maps used in management of the lands; limiting activities within 130 feet of any known active nest; establishing a 660-foot buffer zone around known active nest trees; saving old-growth pine trees in the buffer zones; prohibiting foot trails or other developments that would make nest sites more accessible to humans; providing special management consideration for areas which might be active nest areas, and exercising extra precaution in using insecticides near known nest sites and along waterways. (U.S. Department of Interior News Release.)

INDIAN RESERVATION IN MINNESOTA BECOMES EAGLE SANCTUARY

American Indians, who still prize eagle feathers for ceremonial status, are joining the fight to save the national bird from extinction. The Red Lake Band of the Chippewa Tribe has designated its 400,000-acre reservation in north-central Minnesota as a Bald Eagle Sanctuary.

The Chippewa lands are on an important eagle migration route and have several active nests. Rare except in Alaska, bald eagles are one of the species Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall has designated for management and study under the Endangered Species Act of 1966.

The sanctuary will be dedicated May 12 in ceremonies that also signal the completion of a wildlife marsh restoration project on the reservation.

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And then, there'll be the eagle feathers. The Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife has a standing order from some Indian tribes for feathers of eagles that die in the sanctuary. Donation of the feathers is permissible as long as they are used only for ceremonial purposes. (U.S. Department of Interior News Release.)