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TPWD has no knowledge of Aplomado's nesting within 6 miles of STP. The closest known nesting area to me is Matagorda Island.

TPWD conducted aerial Bald Eagle nest surveys in the vicinity of STP through 2005. At that time we knew of an active nest in the forested area on the eastern side of the STP facility and two active nests within 6 miles of STP to the north up the Colorado River watershed. Since then, we have found two additional active nests south of STP within 1 mile of the facility along the river while conducting songbird surveys. Bald Eagles are expanding at a rate of 13% per year in Texas and it is reasonable to expect additional nests within the 6 miles of STP that are still unknown to us. Attached is a recent paper discussing Bald Eagle population expansion and research in Texas.

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Hi Brent,
Thanks again for returning my call regarding whether there are any known Aplomado falcon nests near the South Texas Project (STP) Site. We also discussed known eagle nests within 6 miles for the STP site boundary. When convenient, could you provide information regarding the current number and general direction and distance of bald eagle nests in the vicinity of the proposed STP project? Could you also reiterate the results that there currently are no known nesting areas for Aplomado falcons within 6 miles of the site? I would appreciate that documentation as well.
Thanks again, and Happy Holidays.
Janelle

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