

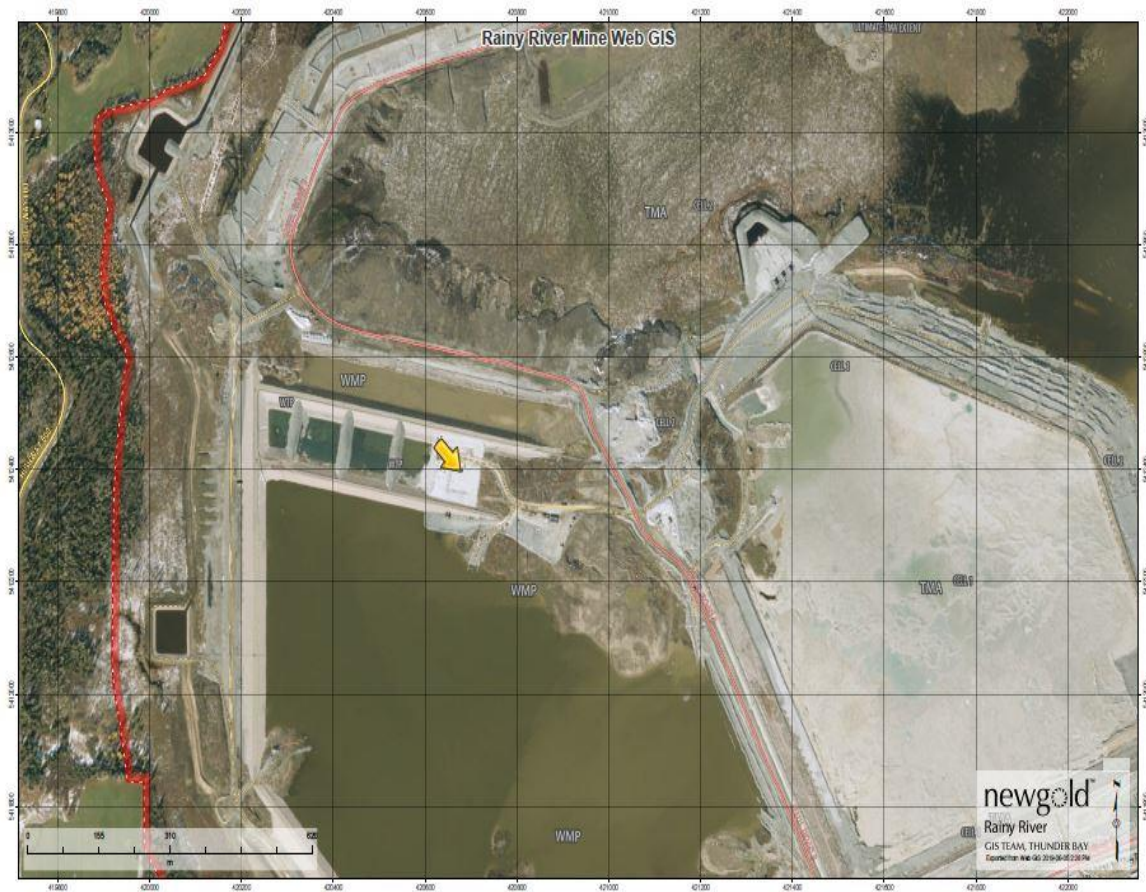
June 6, 2019

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Dear Ms. Hagmann,

**RE: Deceased Chestnut-sided Warbler**

On June 2, 2019 at 1749 a deceased Chestnut-sided Warbler was discovered within the Water Treatment Plant which is currently under construction at the Tailings Management Area. (See photos below)





A contractor discovered the bird laying dead on the floor of the building and an assumption was made that it contacted some fans running on the ceiling. The doors of the building were open as construction is on going at the Water Treatment Plant but are closed whenever possible.

An email was sent to the site Environmental Manager shortly after the time of the incident and the bird was collected for identification.

As per public notice: allowing the possession of found dead migratory birds dated August 24, 2018, the Chestnut-sided Warbler will be submitted to the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative for analysis unless otherwise directed by June 10, 2019 1100 CST.

The following is a copy of the internal incident report form filled out by the contractor.

<b>Wildlife Incident Report Form</b>					
Date (yyyy-mm-dd):	2019-06-02	Time (24hr):	17:49	Weather:	Sunny 17
Observer(s):	Chris Mason		Contractor: Automation Now		
Name of Supervisor or Manager:	Peter Johnson				
Incident Reported To:	New Gold Environment Sylvie St Jean				
<b>1. Incident Type</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Collision <input type="checkbox"/> Near Miss <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Dead Chestnut-sided Warbler found on the floor					
<b>2. Incident Outcome</b>					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mortality <input type="checkbox"/> Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Other:					
<b>3. Incident Summary</b>					
3.1. Location	Water Treatment plant in the Tailings area		UTMs	E:	N:
3.2. Species	Chestnut-sided Warbler		Number of Animals:	1	
3.3. Description of Incident and Outcome	A Chestnut sided Warbler was found on the floor behind the polymer tanks.				
	No one witnessed what happened to the bird however the building fans were running				
	It is suspected that the bird flew into the fan at some point.				
3.4. Could the Incident Have Been Avoided? (If yes, describe how)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>				
	If fan caused the mortality it could have been prevented by having them turned off				
	and having the doors closed. Fans were turned off and will remain off if the doors				
Need to be opened during construction					
<b>4. Additional Comments</b>					
Personnel were reminded to keep the doors closed when not required to be open and to leave fans off unless they					
Are absolutely needed.					

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Once you have had the opportunity to review this information please feel free to contact the undersigned or Sylvie St.Jean Environmental Manager (at [Sylvie.St.Jean@newgold.com](mailto:Sylvie.St.Jean@newgold.com) or 807-707-3497) with any additional questions.

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