

# newgold™ Rainy River

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Dear Ms. Hagmann,

**RE: Deceased Sora**

On June 18, 2019 at 0830 a deceased Sora was discovered in the parking lot between the Mine dry and the Admin building. (See on photo 1)



Photo 1. Site image with location marked out by bulls eye.



Photo 2. Deceased Sora with damage to head and neck.

A Sora was found dead in the parking lot with damage to its head and neck (Photo 2). The incident report stated that it is suspected the bird collided with a vehicle near the West Creek Pond and when the vehicle stopped the bird dropped off the vehicle.

We are not certain this incident occurred on the mine site as a Sora has never been observed on site, but it's habitat is nearby. The speed limit for the area around the Admin building is 20 km/h, indicating that this may not have happened at West Creek Pond. No one reported hitting a bird and no vehicle was nearby when the bird was discovered.

As per public notice: allowing the possession of found dead migratory birds dated August 24, 2018, the Sora will be submitted to the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative for analysis unless otherwise directed by June 28, 2019 1100 CST.

The following is a copy of the internal incident report form filled out by the person who discovered the Sora.

<b>Wildlife Incident Report Form</b>					
Date (yyyy-mm-dd):	2019-06-18	Time (24hr):	0930	Weather:	Sunny 17
Observer(s):	Ben Mondher		Contractor: New Gold		
Name of Supervisor or Manager:	Claude McKenzie				
Incident Reported To:	Nathan Baird New Gold Environmental Specialist				
<b>1. Incident Type</b>					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Collision (suspected) <input type="checkbox"/> Near Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Other:					
<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	Parking lot between Mine dry and Admin buildings		UTMs	E:	N:
3.2. Species	Sora		Number of Animals: 1		
3.3. Description of Incident and Outcome	<p>A Sora was found dead in the parking lot with damage to its head and neck. It is suspected the bird collided with a vehicle near the West Creek Pond and when the vehicle stopped the bird dropped off the vehicle</p>				
3.4. Could the Incident Have Been Avoided? (If yes, describe how)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
<b>4. Additional Comments</b>					
Speed limit in around Admin buildings recently lowered to 20 km/h.					
It is possible that incident did not occur on mine site and the Sora was transported here still on the vehicle.					
It is unknown who hit the Sora, only that their habitat is nearby.					

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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.

Regards,

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