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Dear Ms. Hagmann,

## **RE: Deceased Sandhill Crane**

On June 21, 2019 at 0815 a Sandhill Crane was discovered deceased and entangled in the Wildlife Exclusion Fence (See photo 1).

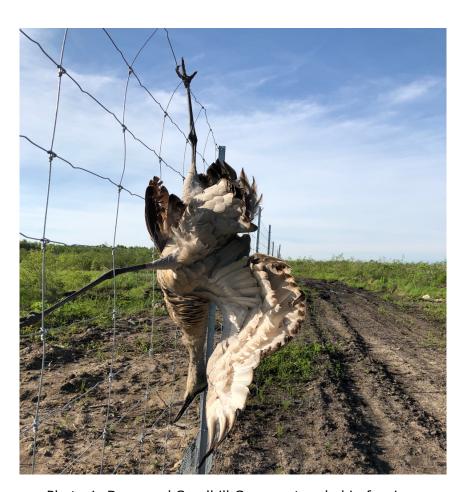


Photo 1. Deceased Sandhill Crane entangled in fencing.



The following is a copy of the internal incident report form.

Wildlife Incident Report Form						
Date (yyyy-mm-dd):	2019-06-21	Time (24h	r): 0815	Weather:	Sunny 17	
Observer(s): Ken Angus	Contractor: Trapper					
Name of Supervisor or Manager:	Nathan Baird					
Incident Reported To: Nathan Baird New Gold Environmental Specialist						
1. Incident Type	-					
☐ Vehicle Collision	☐ Near Miss	⊠ Other:	Entanglement			
2. Incident Outcome						
	☐ Other:					
3. Incident Summary						
3.1. Location		Wildlife Exclusion Fe	ence	UTMs E:		N:
3.2. Species		Sandhill Crane		Number of An	nimals: 1	
3.3. Description of Incident and Outcome	A Sandhill Crane was discovered entangled in the Wildlife Exclusion Fence some time					
	Between June 7 <sup>th</sup> and June 21 <sup>st</sup> and likely died of exhaustion.					
3.4. Could the Incident Have Been Avoided? (If yes, describe how)	Yes □ No					
	Since no one was around when this happened it hard to say how it could be avoided					
4. Additional Comments						
The Wildlife Exclusion Fenc	e is basically an	8 foot high pag	e wire fence a	nd is patrolled at	least twice	a month.
If further incidents occur m	itigation efforts	s will be made, s	uch as the inst	allation of reflec	tive tape or	long the top of
the fence.						



To summarize, a Sandhill Crane was found entangled and deceased in the Wildlife Exclusion Fence. It is unknown how this happened as Sandhill Cranes are not often observed attempting to roost on a fence, possibly wind was a factor.

We will continue to patrol the fence and if other similar incidents occur, mitigation efforts will be explored.

The crane was in an advancing state of decomposition and was not kept for analysis. It was buried on site.

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

Regards,

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