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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.

<b>Wildlife Incident Report Form</b>					
Date (yyyy-mm-dd):	2019-06-21	Time (24hr):	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					
<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Collision	<input type="checkbox"/> Near Miss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Entanglement			
2. Incident Outcome					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mortality	<input type="checkbox"/> Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
3. Incident Summary					
3.1. Location	Wildlife Exclusion Fence		UTMs	E:	N:
3.2. Species	Sandhill Crane		Number of Animals: 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 <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
	Since no one was around when this happened it hard to say how it could be avoided				
4. Additional Comments					
The Wildlife Exclusion Fence is basically an 8 foot high page wire fence and is patrolled at least twice a month.					
If further incidents occur mitigation efforts will be made, such as the installation of reflective tape on 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 [Sylvie.St.Jean@newgold.com](mailto:Sylvie.St.Jean@newgold.com) or 807-707-3497) with any additional questions.

Regards,

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