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## **BLM TO CONDUCT AERIAL RAPTOR SURVEYS**

CARTER COUNTY – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Miles City Field Office will be conducting aerial helicopter surveys to determine raptor populations on federal land in areas of Carter County until June 4.

The surveys are intended to determine the extent of nesting activity for birds of prey and the production of young.

There will be three to four flight surveys that will be conducted from 8 a.m. to noon, in order to take advantage of morning conditions. Flights will be at or near 500 feet above the ground.

The survey area will primarily consist of wooded areas and along ridge tops, buttes and rock outcrops on public lands.

Questions may be referred to BLM Wildlife Biologist Larry Apple at the Miles City Field Office, phone (406) 233-2861.