NC COOP ADDRESSES OSPREY NESTING ISSUES ON DISTRIBUTION LINE

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The Challenge

An NC COOP was having routine interruptions and outages on an overhead distribution line near Kerr Lake. Turns out an osprey had built a nest on the top of a COOP utility pole near the bridge at a recreation park.



The Solution

The COOP district superintendent, came to Preformed Line Products for their raptor protector platform. When winter came, the osprey left its nest. The COOP was able to disassemble the nest to create room for a permanent solution that would give space between the osprey and the energized conductor. They lowered the conductors 3' on the pole and then mounted the platform on top. The line crew put a few sticks back on the platform in hopes of catching the birds attention as it returned. When Spring came, the osprey went straight to the platform for its nest. The result has been no more electrical service interruptions and the osprey is living safely in its new home.



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