

Baby Saw-whet Owl Rescue with Southern California Edison

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A memorable collaboration between Wildcare Eastern Sierra and Southern California Edison occurred in May 2018, when a powerline pole was felled during routine maintenance, resulting in the inadvertent displacement of five baby Saw-whet owls. When Edison workers realized that the pole had been a nest site, they brought the five owlets to our center for proper care and attention. Edison workers and volunteers salvaged the old pole section (which contained the cavity for the babies' nest) and fastened it to the new utility pole. The owlets were returned to their nest less than 48 hours later.



The photos below show the owls receiving care at the Center (above), the salvaged old pole section attached to the new pole, and the owls being returned to their nest, one by one (below)

We were thrilled to receive an update the following week that an Edison lineman had checked the repaired nest pole and reported that all five baby owls were healthy and alert.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with Edison to positively impact local wildlife. Thank you for your care and concern for our wild neighbors!

