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Welcome

Here you will find information about the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, including help on determining whether you need a permit and how to apply for that permit.

Bald eagles were removed from the federal list of threatened and endangered species on August 9, 2007, and are no longer protected under the Endangered Species Act. However, bald eagles remain protected under the [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) and the [Migratory Bird Treaty Act](#).

Throughout this website, defined terms are identified by words with a **dark background and white font**. Click on those words to link to a definition.

The Bald and Golden Eagle Act prohibits anyone from taking, possessing, or transporting a bald



eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) or golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*), or the parts, nests, or eggs of such birds without prior authorization. This includes **inactive** nests as well as active nests. Take means to pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, destroy, molest, or **disturb**. Activities that directly or indirectly lead to take are prohibited without a permit.

There are a number of different types of permits available for authorizing take, possession, and transport of bald and golden eagles. This website explains the most commonly used authorizations (permits) that are available for people whose activities may "take" eagles or their nests.

Do You Need a Permit?

To determine whether you need and are eligible for an eagle take permit, click on the category below that best describes your activity.

Below and subsequent pages will ask you a series of questions and direct you to the appropriate information. To view the official regulations governing Eagle Permits click here: [Code of the Federal Register: 50 Part 22](#).

- Are you concerned about the presence of an eagle nest where the nest itself may pose safety issues or conflict with other uses? This includes **inactive** nests as well as active nests. If so, please [continue here for further assistance](#).
- Does your activity involve:
 - transporting eagles or eagle parts;
 - exhibiting eagles or eagle parts;
 - collecting eagle parts for a scientific study;
 - obtaining eagle parts or feathers for Native American religious purposes;
 - keeping live bald or golden eagles to use their feathers for religious purposes;
 - controlling eagle depredation; or
 - golden eagle falconry?
 If so, please continue [here for further assistance](#).
- Is your activity or project near an eagle nest (whether **active** or **inactive**) or near an area where eagles roost or forage, and does not meet any of the categories above? If so, please [continue here for further assistance](#) to help you determine if your proposed activity or project may **non-purposefully take** eagles.
- Do you plan to capture and band bald eagles or golden eagles? If you are interested in capturing and banding bald or golden eagles, please contact the [USGS Bird Banding Laboratory](#).

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