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Cold Springs Group Camp reopens as eagles depart nests

Orofino, Idaho – The eagles have flown.

With the departure of the raptors from two bald eagle nests near Merry's Bay and Cold Springs on Dworshak Reservoir, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials announced that the Cold Springs Group Camp, the entire Cold Springs Trail and the Merry's Bay Trail have re-opened for public use. Boating restrictions near these nest sites also were lifted.

Dworshak Wildlife Biologist Russ Davis said monitoring surveys conducted earlier this week showed both nests were deserted.

“Evidently the young have stretched their wings and permanently left the safety of the nest. This is the first time these two nests have successfully produced young,” Davis said.

The sites were closed in April following the discovery of one fledgling eaglet in each of the two nests.

Planned maintenance of the Merry's Bay Road and timber harvest within the Little Bay area can also begin, as a result of the eagles leaving the nest sites.

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