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Eagles begin nesting at Dworshak Dam and Reservoir; Merrys Bay trail temporarily closed

OROFINO, Idaho – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers natural resource managers say eagles have landed at Dworshak Dam and Reservoir, and they are under the influence of spring. A pair of nesting bald eagles have been observed near the Merrys Bay trail.

To provide the undisturbed privacy needed to help these nesting eagles be good parents, the Merrys Bay trail is closed. Signs have been posted at the Merrys Bay trailhead and the Bruces Eddy trailhead. The waterfront area near the nesting site is also closed to boat traffic. Maps of these closures are posted at all boat ramps at Dworshak Reservoir.

Bald eagles are currently protected as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act, except in Alaska where it was never listed under the Act and Hawaii where it was never known to occur. It is also protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA). The BGEPA prohibits anyone, without a permit issued by the Secretary of the Interior for very limited scientific or educational purposes, from “taking” bald eagles. BGEPA defines “take” to include: pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, molest or disturb.

“We request the public’s help for the prospective parents by respecting the temporary closures and reporting any violations to the Corps,” said Russ Davis, Wildlife Biologist.

For more information or to report a violation of the temporary closures, call (208) 476-1203.

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