

BLM STUDY REVIEW of HELLS CANYON COMPLEX STUDIES

Habits of Bald Eagles Wintering in Northeastern Oregon and
Adjacent Areas of Washington and Idaho

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1. INTRODUCTION

The objectives of this report were to document eagle abundance, locate foraging areas, describe food habits and locate and document use of night roosts.

2. CONCLUSION

No conclusions but management recommendations were made. These recommendations include: 1) Monitoring annually, 2) Protect roost trees stands, 3) Potential roost tree stands should be managed to provide alternative roost sites to ensure against catastrophic loss of roost stands, 4) Human activities should be restricted around roost stands from October through April.

3. STUDY ADEQUACY

This is a good report on Bald Eagle numbers, roosting area, timing of when eagles use the area and food habits.

4. BLM CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS

CONCLUSIONS

All large trees in the H.C.C are important for eagle perching and roosting. When trees are scarce, all trees are important and should be protected.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Any activity in the H.C.C. area that can be limited or restricted in bald eagle roosting and foraging areas should be protected as well as roost trees or alternative roost trees or perch trees.