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SOURCE: 39 FR 1183, Jan. 4, 1974, unless otherwise noted.

Subpart A—Introduction**§22.1 Purpose of regulations.**

The regulations contained in this part govern the taking, possession, and transportation of bald and golden eagles for scientific, educational, and depredations control purposes and for the religious purposes of Indian tribes. The import, export, purchase, sale, or barter of bald or golden eagles, their parts, nests, or eggs is not permitted by any regulation of this subchapter B.

§22.2 Scope of regulations.

(a) Bald eagles, alive or dead, or their parts, nests, or eggs lawfully acquired prior to June 8, 1940, and golden eagles, alive or dead, or their parts, nests, or eggs lawfully acquired prior to October 24, 1962, may be possessed, or transported without a Federal permit, but may not be imported, exported, pur-

chased, sold, traded, bartered, or offered for purchase, sale, trade or barter; and all shipments containing such birds, parts, nests, or eggs must be marked as provided by 18 U.S.C. 44 and §14.81 of this subchapter: *Provided*, That no exemption from any statute or regulation shall accrue to any offspring of such birds.

(b) The provisions in this part are in addition to, and are not in lieu of, other regulations of this subchapter B which may require a permit or prescribe additional restrictions or conditions for the importation, exportation, and interstate transportation of wildlife (see also part 13 of this subchapter).

§22.3 Definitions.

In addition to definitions contained in part 0 of this subchapter, and unless the context otherwise requires, in this part 22:

Area nesting population means the number of pairs of golden eagles known to have a resting attempt during the preceding 12 months within a 10-mile radius of a golden eagle nest.

Golden eagle nest means any readily identifiable structure built, maintained or occupied by golden eagles for propagation purposes.

Inactive nest means a golden eagle nest that is not currently used by golden eagles as determined by the absence of any adult, egg, or dependent young at the nest during the 10 days before the nest is taken.

Nesting attempt means any activity by golden eagles involving egg laying and incubation as determined by the presence of an egg attended by an adult, an adult in incubation posture, or other evidence indicating recent use of a golden eagle nest for incubation of eggs or rearing of young.

Person means an individual, corporation, partnership, trust, association, or any other private entity, or any officer, employee, agent, department, or instrumentality of any State or political subdivision of a State.

Resource development or recovery includes, but is not limited to, mining, timbering, extracting oil, natural gas and geothermal energy, construction of roads, dams, reservoirs, power plants,

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power transmission lines, and pipelines, as well as facilities and access routes essential to these operations, and reclamation following any of these operations.

Take includes also pursue, shoot, shoot at, poison, wound, kill, capture, trap, collect, or molest or disturb.

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§ 22.4 Information collection requirements.

(a) The Office of Management and Budget approved the information collection requirements contained in this part 22 under 44 U.S.C. 3507 and assigned OMB Control Number 1018-0022. The Service may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. We are collecting this information to provide information necessary to evaluate permit applications. We will use this information to review permit applications and make decisions, according to criteria established in the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and its regulations, on the issuance, suspension, revocation, or denial of permits. You must respond to obtain or retain a permit.

(b) We estimate the public reporting burden for these reporting requirements to vary from 1 to 4 hours per response, with an average of 1 hour per response, including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the forms. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of these reporting requirements to the Service Information Collection Control Officer, MS-222 ARLSQ, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, DC 20240, or the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (1018-0022), Washington, DC 20603.

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Subpart B—General Requirements

§ 22.11 General permit requirements.

No person shall take, possess, or transport any bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) or any golden eagle

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(*Aquilachrysaetos*), or the parts, nests, or eggs of such birds except as may be permitted under the terms of a valid permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this part and part 13 and under § 21.22 (banding or marking permits), or under a depredation order issued under subpart D of this part.

§ 22.12 General restrictions.

No person shall sell, purchase, barter, trade, or offer for sale, purchase, barter, or trade, export or import, at any time or in any manner, any bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), or any golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*), or the parts, nests, or eggs of such birds, and no permit will be issued to authorize such acts.

Subpart C—Eagle Permits

§ 22.21 Permits for scientific or exhibition purposes.

The Director may, upon receipt of an application and in accordance with the issuance criteria of this section, issue a permit authorizing taking, possession, or transportation of bald eagles or golden eagles, or their parts, nests, or eggs for the scientific or exhibition purposes of public museums, public scientific societies, or public zoological parks.

(a) *Application* procedures. Submit applications for permits to take, possess, or transport bald or golden eagles, their parts, nests or eggs for scientific or exhibition purposes to the appropriate Regional Director (Attention: Migratory bird permit office). You can find addresses for the Regional Directors in 50 CFR 2.2. Each application must contain the general information and certification required in § 13.12(a) of this subchapter, and the following additional information:

(1) Species of eagle and number of such birds, nests, or eggs proposed to be taken, possessed, or transported;

(2) Specific locality in which taking is proposed, if any;

(3) Method taking proposed, if any;

(4) If not taken, the source of eagles and other circumstances surrounding the proposed acquisition or transportation;

(5) Name and address of the public museum, public scientific societies, or