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Subject Re: Fw: Exceptional year for Arizona's eagles 

There is no doubt these numbers are accurate.

However, I would be cautious in associating success in any one year to the evaluation being conducted for the petition. In other words, if this was not a particularly good year (because years are up and down), would we be providing that information along with the petition? The point being, the petition is not about a single good year or poor year, it is about a much larger issue of whether the bird should be uplisted to endangered.

So...if you are asking my opinion....yes, the numbers are accurate, but if I was king for the day, I would refrain from using any single year to support the conclusion, because there are years and instances in the not too distant past which could counter it.

Probably more than you were asking for...but I am in that kinda mood today!

Thanks Mary and Liz,

Greg

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Elizabeth:

Jeff is away this week, and Greg Beatty is the bald eagle lead, so I have referred this on to him for verification.

Thanks,  
Mary

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Mary and Jeff, do we support their information? Can we quote them when we issue our 90-day finding which is on the schedule for August 9?

Vicki, I saved the news release in our SW bald eagle electronic files.

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Subject Exceptional year for Arizona's eagles



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**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Exceptional year for Arizona's eagles**

PHOENIX - With the breeding season now over, Arizona can celebrate what's turning out to be an incredible year for the state's bald eagles. Arizona Game and Fish Department biologists confirm a record number of eagle breeding areas in the state, as well as a tie with the year 2004 for a record number of eaglets that lived to fledge, or begin flying, in Arizona.

"We are really excited at how this breeding season turned out," says James Driscoll, head of the Arizona Game and Fish Department Bald Eagle Management Program. "Forty-two eagle nestlings fledged this year, tying our previous record in this state."

Biologists also found three new bald eagle breeding areas, for a record total of 50. Every year, many eagle breeding areas that are located near popular recreation areas are closed for the breeding season, so the birds' breeding attempts won't be interrupted by human activity. On June 30, the last of these closures was lifted, at the end of a very successful breeding season.

"The success of the season can be partly credited to our fantastic nest watchers," says Kenneth "Tuk" Jacobson, an Arizona Game and Fish bald eagle biologist.

Every year, nest watchers camp out for four months to monitor eagle breeding efforts in Arizona. The contractors spend dawn to dusk collecting data about the eagles' behavior and notifying rescuers of any life-threatening situations for the birds. Since the program began in 1978, it has helped to save the lives of almost 50 eaglets. This year alone, nest watchers helped to rescue and save four young eagles that otherwise might have died.

The bald eagle was federally listed as an endangered species in 1978. The birds have recovered enough to be listed now as a "threatened species."

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