

RECOVERY OF THE BALD EAGLE IN MONTANA—AN UPDATE^{TWS}

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Bald eagle (*Helicoetus leucocephalus*) populations have been increasing in Montana and throughout most of the U. S. since 1980 and now exceed recovery goals in most areas. The current Montana population is over 300 nesting pairs. Delisting of the species will likely occur within the next few years. The Montana Bald Eagle Working Group is developing a post-delisting monitoring plan. I summarize a brief history of bald eagle management and population trends in Montana and provide an update on the delisting process.