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SUBJ: Statewide survey for Bald Eagle nests – historic sites and adjacent areas

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Aerial surveys for active Bald Eagle nests were conducted in March 2009 as follows:

3/21 – SW New Mexico, including historic sites in Catron Co., portions of the Gila, San Francisco, and Rio Grande Rivers, vicinities of Bluewater, Ramah, Nutrias, Quemado, Snow, Elephant Butte, and Caballo Reservoirs. One historical site in Catron Co. was found to be active. Several empty, possibly active Bald Eagle nests in past years were noted.

3/24 – Vicinity of Ft. Sumner Reservoir. No active nests found.

3/25 – Vicinity of Conchas Reservoir, non-coniferous forest portions of Colfax County, especially within 25 miles of a previous site in Colfax Co.. No active nests were found.

3/28 – Vicinity of Ute Lake. No active nests were found.

3/31 – Navajo Reservoir, Animas and San Juan Rivers from CO to AZ. No active nests were found. Navajo Nation surveyed with Navajo Fish and Wildlife biologist on board. In kind observations on the remainder of NW New Mexico provided by same Navajo Nation biologist.

It was a disappointment that no new Bald Eagle nest sites were discovered, but coverage of the areas described was good and it is not likely that any active Bald Eagle nests were missed.

s/ Dale W. Stahlecker
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