

**Winter Eagle Trapping Update**  
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After a relatively slow December, we've seen an increase in eagle activity at our baits in January. So far, we have captured 10 eagles (six Golden, four Bald). After capture, we take a variety of morphological measurements to test our ability to determine the sex of eagles in the field. We also inspect each eagle for parasites and draw a blood sample to test for lead. Each Bald Eagle receives blue leg bands similar to those we use on Osprey. We place wing tags on younger Golden Eagles, and outfit adult Golden Eagles with GPS Transmitters.



Bracken and Tyler hold the season's first adult Golden Eagle that received a GPS transmitter.



This color band will allow observers to identify this Bald Eagle from a distance.



The tail of a three-year old Bald Eagle will become pure white over the next two years, as the bird molts into its definitive plumage.







A group from Big Sky High School watches RVRI biologists process a young Bald Eagle.





Tyler releases a sub-adult Bald Eagle less than one hour after capturing it.