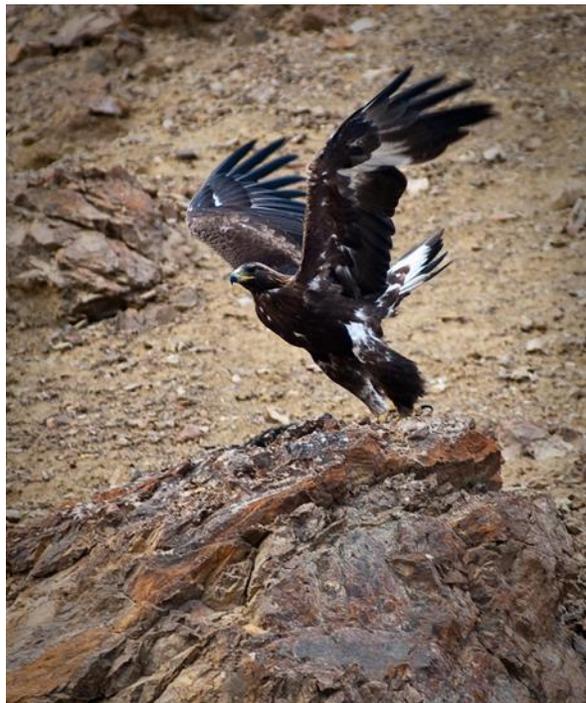


Presidential Migratory Bird Federal Stewardship Award Nomination

National Park Service: Denali National Park and Preserve Golden Eagle Project

Partners: US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Geological Survey – Alaska Science Center

The National Park Service (NPS) is mandated to preserve the natural resources under its jurisdiction, which necessitates that we work closely with our federal, state, local, tribal, and private partners. The Denali National Park and Preserve (Denali) Golden Eagle Project is an outstanding example of how the NPS collaborates with many federal, state and non-governmental agencies to use science to make informed decisions about the management of migratory birds within and beyond park boundaries. It is also a unique example of how the NPS uses results of existing long-term monitoring programs to address critical, current resource issues within a structured-decision making framework. Denali contains one of the largest nesting populations of golden eagles (*Aquila chrysaetos*) in North America. This is a migratory population and the range of the eagles that nest in Denali spans from southwest Canada to central Mexico. The Denali Golden Eagle Project has a long history of strong collaboration with scientists from several federal agencies (FWS, USGS) and universities. This collaborative approach has resulted in strong science-based management of this species in Denali and is increasing efforts of conserving habitat and resources for this species beyond Denali's borders. Long-term studies conducted in collaboration with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), US Geological Survey (USGS), University of Alaska-Fairbanks (UAF), and Oregon State University (OSU) in Denali have provided new and essential information on the ecology of this species including breeding ecology, food habits, survival and year round movements. Results have also led to development of effective management plans on the nesting grounds in Denali and provided some of the only information regarding a large migratory population of this species in northwestern North America. The multiple collaborative actions also resulted in many peer reviewed publications. The new collaborative work continues the strong NPS cooperation with FWS, UAF, USGS and establishes new collaborations with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and West Virginia University to study the factors that influence survival of Denali's golden eagles and further enhances ongoing conservation efforts across this species' range.



Golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) at Denali National Park and Preserve. Photo credit Kent Miller.