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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **For Immediate Release**

Contact: Special Agent Ellen Goeckler of the USFWS, Office of Law Enforcement at (785) 747-7539.

### **U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE INVESTIGATES BALD EAGLE SHOOTING Reward for Information**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, are investigating the shooting of a bald eagle in Cowley County, near Cambridge, KS.

The bald eagle was found on Sunday, March 17, 2013 in a section of property located on 66<sup>th</sup> Road, approximately 4 miles north of the town of Cambridge, just west of the intersection with 281<sup>st</sup> Road. The property where the eagle was found has a pond and a dam located on it, and the bird was found on the ground by the dam, not far from a tree where it was typically observed by the landowner. The bird's wounds indicate it was shot a few days prior to its discovery.

Bald eagles are protected by state and federal law including the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. The shooting of any eagle is considered a violation of those acts, and is a serious offense.

Anyone with information regarding the shooting of this eagle is asked to contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement at (402) 419-4855. The Service will pay for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible. Anyone contributing that information to authorities can remain anonymous. Information can also be reported to the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism's Operation Game Thief hotline at 1-877-426-3843.

About 50,000 pairs of bald eagles occupied the lower 48 states in pre-colonial times, but

that number was reduced to 400 pairs by the 1960s. Biologists blamed a loss of habitat, shooting, trapping and the heavy use of pesticides such as DDT. After DDT was outlawed, bald eagles began making a comeback in the late 1980s and in June of 2007, it was removed from the federal list of endangered and threatened species. This majestic bird, our national symbol, continues to need our help to survive, and your assistance is appreciated.

For more information on the bald eagle, please visit [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov)

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