



The law requires the Secretary, when requested by the Governor of any State, to authorize the taking of golden eagles for the seasonal protection of livestock for such time and in such areas as the Secretary considers necessary.

Killing of golden eagles to protect livestock and other property may be done only by the owner of the livestock being threatened or by his agents. The use of poisons to kill eagles is prohibited.

Under no conditions may a bald eagle be taken without first obtaining a permit from the Secretary of the Interior.

The proposed regulations will allow permits to be issued to Indians for taking bald or golden eagles for religious purposes when it has been determined that such capturing or killing is compatible with preservation of eagle populations. Live birds or feathers or other parts of dead birds taken under such a permit will become the property of the permittee. No birds or their parts covered by such permits would be transferable except that they may be handed down from generation to generation in accordance with tribal customs.

Bald eagles or their parts, nests, or eggs that were lawfully acquired prior to June 8, 1940, and golden eagles or their parts, nests, or eggs that were lawfully acquired prior to October 24, 1962, may be possessed or transported without a Federal permit, but may not be purchased, sold, traded, bartered, or offered for sale, trade, or barter in any place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

Federal wildlife laws are enforced by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in the Department's Fish and Wildlife Service.

A 30-day period for public review is provided in the official notice of the proposed regulations which is being published in the Federal Register. Final decision and action by the Department will follow this reviewing period.

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