

JOB PROGRESS REPORT

State: California

Project Number: E-W-4 Project Title: Endangered, Threatened and Rare Wildlife

Job Number: V-14.2 Job Title: Bald Eagle Breeding Population Inventory

Period Covered: October 1, 1979 - September 30, 1980 Job Type: Survey and Inventory

SUMMARY:

Through cooperation of various agencies and individuals, 70 nesting territories were checked during the 1980 Bald Eagle breeding season survey in California. Status of 2 territories was unknown, and 16 territories were unoccupied. Of 52 occupied territories, 44 nests were active. Of these active nests, 9 were unsuccessful. The 35 known successful nesting pairs produced 57 young. All known active nest sites are located in seven northern California counties.

OBJECTIVE:

Determine the status and number of young produced at known Bald Eagle nesting territories in California.

PROCEDURES:

Through cooperation of other agencies and individuals, surveys were made by field biologists at known Bald Eagle nesting territories throughout the breeding season. At least two visits were made to most nest sites during the season. Agency field data forms were prepared by field personnel and submitted to the Department's Endangered Species Section for tabulation and filing.

The 1980 breeding season survey in California was conducted by many cooperating agencies and individuals. U. S. Forest Service surveyed National Forests, and the Department of Fish and Game surveyed state and private lands. The Bureau of Land Management and Pacific Gas and Electric Company also participated in the surveys. The California Bald Eagle Working Team provided coordination assistance.

FINDINGS:

Survey results are shown in Table 1. Nest site field reports are maintained in Department files.

Table 1. 1980 Bald Eagle Nesting Summary

<u>County</u>	<u>Number of territories</u>							<u>No. of Fledglings</u>
	<u>Checked</u>	<u>Unoccupied</u>	<u>Occupied, activity unkn.</u>	<u>Occupied, not active</u>	<u>Active, no success</u>	<u>Active, successful</u>	<u>Status unknown</u>	
Butte	1					1		2
El Dorado	1	1						
Lake	1		1					
Lassen	16	7	1	1		7		12
Modoc	4		1			3		5
Plumas	11	2		2	1	6		8
Shasta	29	6			6	16	1	28
Siskiyou	2				1		1	
Trinity	5		1	1	1	2		2
Totals	70	16	4	4	9	35	2	57

ANALYSIS:

Job objectives are being met.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Continue the annual Bald Eagle breeding season survey in California. Increase efforts to identify previously unreported and newly established territories and nests.

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