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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FINAL SEASON OF VERMONT'S BALD EAGLE RESTORATION INITIATIVE

ADDISON, VT - Vermont's Bald Eagle Restoration Initiative is set to begin its third and most likely final year of rearing young bald eagles, and project organizers are looking for volunteers to help make it another successful season.

A volunteer orientation meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m. at the Dead Creek Wildlife Management Area headquarters, located on Route 17W in Addison. Background information about the project, as well as volunteer opportunities and the time commitment involved will be explained. The meeting will be held in the headquarters conference room.

"Volunteers are the heart and soul of this project," said Eveleen Cecchini, director of Outreach for Earth Stewardship and one of five project partners. "During the past two years, volunteers helped raise 19 young eagles. They transported, processed and supplied food to the eaglets, as well as monitored the eaglets' activity before and after their release."

The Vermont Bald Eagle Restoration Initiative goal is to restore a breeding bald eagle population to Vermont. Adult bald eagles are seen occasionally across the state, but there are no known nesting pairs in Vermont.

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is coordinating the bald eagle restoration effort in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Wildlife Federation, Outreach for Earth Stewardship, and Central Vermont Public Service (CVPS). Federal funding for the project was provided through the efforts of Sen. James Jeffords.

To learn more about Vermont's Bald Eagle Restoration Initiative visit the website: [www.cvps.com/eagles](http://www.cvps.com/eagles), and for more information about the meeting call (802) 343-7454 or email [director@ofes.org](mailto:director@ofes.org).

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