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Addison, Vt. – Two bald eagle chicks captured by federal officials in Maryland last week were placed in hack boxes today at Dead Creek in Addison as part of a five-partner effort to create a breeding bald eagle population in Vermont. To see a live video of the eaglets being introduced to their home, go to www.cvps.com/eagles/eaglecam.shtml.

Vermont is the only state in the continental U.S. that lacks a breeding bald eagle population. Up to nine birds will be raised in the boxes each year for three years.

The birds will be raised in three elevated boxes, each 8 by 8 by 6 feet, which look like a cross between a tree house and a big cage, until they can fly. They will be supervised around the clock, fed fish, moose and venison. The website for the project, which includes more details, is www.cvps.com/eagles.