

Species At Risk in Canadian wildlife poison use zones:

Golden Eagle – *Aquila chrysaetos*

Federal Status: NOT AT RISK (Last assessment 1996)/*Provincial Status: Alberta: SENSITIVE (2015) Saskatchewan: No evaluation*

Figure 1 Golden Eagle photo

Source: Government of Alberta. 2017. Alberta Wild Species General Status Listing - 2015. 24pp.

<http://aep.alberta.ca/fish-wildlife/species-at-risk/albertas-species-at-risk-strategy/general-status-of-alberta-wild-species/documents/SAR-2015WildSpeciesGeneralStatusList-Mar2017.pdf> Accessed January 5, 2018

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Most recent estimate suggests 100 – 250 breeding pairs in Alberta. Disturbance from human-related activities is greatest threat. Because of its low population and dispersal over a large area, nest site protection and inventory are necessary.

Poisoning

Between 2005 – 2012, there was 1 golden eagle death recorded from strychnine poisoning in Alberta's Little Smoky caribou range, reported as a non-target death^{1,2}. There is no way of knowing if more golden eagles were buried by snow and never retrieved.

¹ Alberta Environment and Parks. 2017. Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Request E17-G-1191

² Hervieux, D., M. Hebblewhite, D. Stepnisky, M. Bacon, and S. Boutin. 2014. Managing wolves (*Canis lupus*) to recover threatened woodland caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*) in Alberta. Canadian Journal of Zoology. 92:1029 - 1037 [supplementary data]