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Subject  
2006 Mill Creek peregrine falcon productivity

The Forest did not specifically monitor the peregrine falcons in Mill Creek canyon in 2005 to determine whether several permitted helicopter flights to Mill Lake had any effect on the falcons. However, during our normal occupancy and productivity monitoring in 2006, we determined that the eyrie was occupied by a breeding pair of adults in the spring, and that they successfully fledged at least two young falcons. Although we can't say for sure that last fall's helicopter flights didn't have any short term effect on these birds, it seems that the long term effects, if any, were minor enough that they didn't affect the pair's nesting success this year.

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