



Level of Take¹:

The level of take will be no more than 11 young peregrines total during the take season of 2020 and 2021. A quota of 5 birds will be the target for resident take each year and a permit for 1 bird total will be given to a nonresident applicant during the take period. If the resident quota is exceeded during year 1 the quota in year 2 will be reduced accordingly.

Any over-harvest of the total 10 bird quota would be assessed in the subsequent years regulations process. A falconer who accidentally takes a peregrine after the quota has been met must immediately notify a Fish, Wildlife and Parks employee within the Region where the bird was captured. Release of any fledged bird taken after the quota has been met may be required depending on the circumstances of take, age and independence of the bird, and location of take.

¹If using the 5% allocation authorized under federal guidelines, the most recent 3-year intensive survey effort (2006-2009-2012) will be used to establish that allowable level of take. No take will be authorized if the number of documented active nests falls below 50 as indicated by the 3-year survey protocol.

Regulations Governing Take:

1. Licensed Montana resident and nonresident general or master falconers are the only falconers allowed to attempt take of peregrines.
2. Take by nonresidents is limited to one peregrine total during the 2020-2021 period through a permit system similar to the permit system for nonresident take of other falconry species.
3. A successful falconer that takes a peregrine may not attempt take during the following two years.
4. Season dates are June 1 to August 31.
5. Young may not be removed from their aeries before they are five days of age.
6. To avoid premature fledging of nestlings, aeries should not be entered when young are 28 days of age or more.
7. At least one nestling must be left in each aerie prior to fledging.
8. A fledgling may be trapped in the vicinity of the aerie.
9. Successful take must be reported to MFWP within 5 days by calling the Enforcement line at 406-444-2452 and by submitting a MT 3-186 form via mail.
10. Each falconer who takes a young peregrine from the wild must report the sex and legal description (T R ¼ ¼ S) or GPS coordinates (e.g. UTM, decimal degrees) of the nest location of each bird to FWP (nearest regional headquarters) and to the USFWS within five days of take of the bird with the Montana 3-186 form. A photo of the nesting cliff will need to be provided to FWP.

11. A falconer who takes a young peregrine from the wild must band it with a permanent, non-reusable, numbered Fish and Wildlife Service band (provided with the permit) and must present the banded bird for inspection by FWP personnel within 5 days of capture.
12. Birds taken may only be transferred between currently licensed Montana raptor permit holders and may not be transferred out of state without FWP approval.
13. The following nests will be prohibited from take due to high value wildlife viewing opportunities, ongoing agency-approved research efforts, or to meet other management objectives.
 - Blodgett and Painted Rock aeries in the Bitterroot
 - Johnsrud aerie on the Blackfoot River
 - Frenchtown aerie on the Clark Fork River
 - Woods Bay aerie near Flathead Lake
 - Coulter (or Meriwether) aerie on the Missouri River
 - Sacrifice Cliff aerie on the Yellowstone River near Billings
 - Headwaters Aerie near Three Forks
 - ~~Milltown State Park along the Blackfoot River~~ **CORRECTION: 'Milltown State Park' eyrie is not an accurate description of the eyrie where MFWP intended to prohibit take. The correct eyrie is the Bonner/Blackfoot River eyrie just north of the town of Bonner. This eyrie is *near* Milltown State Park. As the eyrie proposed was not referenced correctly within the Fish and Wildlife Commission review and approval process, take from this eyrie is still allowed during the 2020-21 take period. However, MFWP encourages falconers to avoid take from this eyrie as we believe it to be of high wildlife viewing value for state park and other visitors to the area.**

Falconers requiring more precise location information should contact FWP.

14. **CORRECTION: Take is no longer prohibited from eyries in eastern Montana as we believe peregrines have successfully expanded their range into eastern Montana and a take prohibition is no longer necessary.**

~~Take will be prohibited from that area of Montana lying east of the following line: Beginning at the Montana-Alberta border at the northern initiation of Interstate 15 (I-15), south along I-15 to Great Falls, then east along MT HWY 87 to its junction with MT HWY 191 at Eddie's Corner, then south along HWY 191 to Big Timber and its junction with Interstate 90 (I-90), then east and south along I-90 to the Montana-Wyoming border.~~

15. For regulations on tribal lands, national parks or federal wildlife refuges, please contact the appropriate tribal government or federal agency.
16. The sale, barter or exchange of birds from the wild is prohibited.