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Bald Eagle Nest Fails in Cuyahoga Valley National Park

Brecksville, Ohio – The Cuyahoga Valley bald eagle pair have recently abandoned their Pinery Narrows nest. The nest, located north of Station Road Bridge Trailhead in Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP), was successful in both 2007 and 2008. This past February the pair again took up residency in the same nest only to have it blown down during a major windstorm. A new nest was quickly rebuilt in a nearby tree and the female began egg incubation in late February.

Recently, the pair was observed away from the nest for periods of time and has now left the area. Park Biologist Meg Plona states, “Nests fail frequently due to weather conditions. The rebuilt nest was somewhat small and there may not have been enough insulation at the bottom of the nest for the eggs. It is also possible that the eggs broke or fell as the parents entered or left the nest. We know that this pair has successfully reproduced in the past, so hopefully they will return next year, build a better nest and try again.”

Although recently removed from the endangered species list, the bald eagle is still protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Both federal laws prohibit “taking” – killing, selling, or otherwise harming eagles, their nests, or eggs.

All previous trail restrictions within the bald eagle nesting zone have been lifted and the closed areas are reopened.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information about the park, visit www.nps.gov/cuva/ or www.dayinthevalley.com/ or call (216) 524-1497 or (800) 445-9667.

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