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**Reward Offered in Bald Eagle Killing: *Second case in Spokane area this month***

(March 29, 2010) — The Humane Society of the United States and The Humane Society Wildlife Land Trust are offering a reward of up to \$2,500 for information leading to the identification, arrest, and conviction of the person or persons responsible for illegally killing an immature bald eagle in Nine Mile Falls, Wash.

***The Case:***

According to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, a Washington State Park ranger found the shot eagle during the week of March 25. The bird was found on South Bank Road in Riverside Park.

“The Humane Society of the United States thanks the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for investigating this case,” said Dan Paul, Washington state director for The HSUS. “Bald eagles are national symbols and protected by federal law. We hope this reward will bring tips forward to solve this crime.”

The person or persons responsible face up to a year in prison and fines of up to \$100,000. Bald eagles are federally protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

The HSUS and HSWLT are also offering a reward in another unsolved bald eagle shooting case that took place the weekend of March 6 in Ford, Wash.

***Poaching:***

- Wildlife officials estimate that for every wild animal killed legally — tens of millions of animals per year — another is killed illegally.
- Every year, thousands of poachers are arrested nationwide; however, it is estimated that only 1 percent to 5 percent of poachers are caught.
- Poachers injure or kill wildlife anytime, anywhere and sometimes do so in particularly cruel ways.
- The HSUS works with state wildlife agencies to offer rewards of \$2,500 for information leading to arrest and conviction of suspected poachers.

***The Investigators:***

Anyone with information about this case is asked to call the Spokane office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement at 509-928-6050.

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