

USFWS Bald Eagle Depredation Permit

St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport



Blue Wing Environmental (BWE) provided wildlife hazard management professional services for St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport (PIE). As identified in the PIE Wildlife Hazard Assessment (WHA) and Wildlife Hazard Management Plan (WHMP), bald eagles pose a risk to aviation safety. Due to documented bald eagle observations and strikes at PIE, the WHMP prioritized a recommendation for the airport to secure a permit to harass bald eagles from the airfield when present. The permit allows for non-lethal methods of harassment.

BWE provided all necessary documentation and data for the USFWS Bald Eagle Depredation Permit Application. Information included:

- A description of species, estimated number, and potential damage or safety concern
- Wildlife strike data involving bald eagles
- WHA bald eagle observation data
- WHMP recommendation overview regarding bald eagles
- Description of proposed harassment methods (non-lethal)
- Review of documented eagle nest location in the surrounding area.

This project included agency coordination with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Wildlife Services (USDA/WS) to include their review and concurrence with the application materials via WS Form 37.



Client

St. Pete-Clearwater International Airport

Location

Clearwater, Florida

Project Date

November 2018

Expertise Provided

Qualified Airport Wildlife Biologist

Florida/Local Wildlife Identification Expertise

Agency Coordination

