

Support for Peregrine Delisting

Based on sound scientific evidence provided by an extensive monitoring program, NPS officials are able to support delisting the peregrine falcon in Arizona from endangered to threatened. The number of Arizona breeding pairs far exceeds the recovery goals for this species. The estimated 90 pairs of falcons breeding within the park represent a significant portion of the state's viable population and a majority of the population located within a totally protected area, which graphically points out the value of national parks as refugia for species at risk. This support, however, is based on continued U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service funding of the long-term species monitoring in the park.