



Enforcing the US Migratory Bird Treaty Act

In two separate cases, ExxonMobil and PacificCorp, recently pleaded guilty to killing eagles and other migratory birds, and will pay fines that will be used to support conservation. ExxonMobil was convicted of failing to protect 85 birds from entering and dying in open oil tanks and pits in five states between 2004 and 2009. The company will have to pay \$600,000 in fines and spend \$2.5 million modifying the oil facilities to prevent future injury to birds. PacificCorp pleaded guilty to electrocuting 232 Golden Eagles *Aquila chrysaetos* and other birds on its power lines between 2007 and 2009. The company has agreed to pay \$1,410,000 in fines and restitution, and spend an additional \$9.1 million to repair or replace equipment to protect migratory birds from future electrocution. Funds from the fines will be distributed to conservation organisations.