

Public as used in referring to museums, zoological parks, and scientific or educational institutions, refers to such as are open to the general public and are either established, maintained, and operated as a governmental service or are privately endowed and organized but not operated for profit.

Mr. Ansley indicated in his correspondence that he possesses a nonreleasable bald eagle. The Service will assist Mr. Ansley in finding placement for the nonreleasable bald eagle if he is unable to find a facility that qualifies to exhibit eagles under current regulations. While there are many nonreleasable bald eagles in captivity, there are also facilities looking for eagles to use in educational programs as well as Native American tribes that have a need for eagles for religious purposes.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me or Sam Hamilton, the Service's Southeast Regional Director, at 404/679-4000.

Sincerely,

Acting

Kenneth Stansell
Deputy

DIRECTOR