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Bank of the West and Audubon Dakota to Host 13th annual Peregrine Falcon Banding Event

Fargo, ND - June 10, 2014 – Audubon Dakota and supporters of the Fargo Falcon Project are excited to announce that Fargo’s Peregrine Falcons are nesting again atop the Bank of the West building in downtown. The falcons returned to this popular nesting spot at the end of March to lay their eggs which hatched over the Memorial Day weekend.



The three chicks, also known as eyasses, are now growing in the nest under the watchful eye of their parents Miracle and Annie, as well as the public via the popular FalconCam (<http://www.fargofalcons.com/>).

“Having the ability to watch these chicks grow and develop, as well as their interactions with the adults, is pretty amazing,” says Ben Williams from Audubon Dakota. “It’s a great tool for educating people about raptor ecology and the importance of conservation.”

Audubon Dakota and Bank of the West will once again be hosting a public banding event on Tuesday, June 17 at 9:30 AM in the sixth floor conference room at the Bank of the West building, 520 Main Ave., Fargo. During the short program, scientists will place bands on the falcon eyasses, which will be used to help track the movements and habits of the individual birds once they leave the nest to migrate south this fall. The public will also learn about the importance of banding and how it’s working to keep the Peregrine Falcon population healthy and on the rise. The first 100 people present will be able to view the banding in person.

“The bank has watched the Peregrine Falcons raise 36 youngsters since their first nest here in 2001,” said Scott Green, Branch Area Manager at Bank of the West. “We are delighted and honored to host the Falcons again this year.”

The public and media are invited to come and take part in this event. The Fargo Falcon Project wouldn’t be possible without the support and help from Bank of the West, Audubon Dakota, dedicated volunteers, and gracious donors. If you’d like to make a donation to the Fargo Falcon Project and help ensure its continued improvement,



please visit the fargofalcons.com website or by sending to Audubon Dakota, 118 Broadway N. Suite 512, Fargo, ND 58102. Your contributions go directly to fund the Fargo Falcon Cam, maintaining the nestbox and structure, and other aspects of the project. Thank you for supporting the Fargo Falcon Project!