

# WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT REQUESTING NON-EAGLE FEATHERS FROM A NON-EAGLE REPOSITORY

- ***How do I request non-eagle feathers or parts?***

You can obtain a request form from either of the two Repositories participating in the Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) Southwest Region pilot program, or by contacting the FWS Region 2 Migratory Bird Permits Office, or Native American Liaison. See contact information below.

- ***Is there a difference between the Repositories?***

Yes. The Sia Essential Species Repository (Oklahoma) is operated by Native Americans of the Comanche Nation, who also manage the Sia Eagle Aviary and Raptor Program. The Liberty Non-Eagle Repository (Arizona) is a non-tribal wildlife rehabilitation and conservation education center that regularly consults with their Native American advisory committee on tribal issues. The two Repositories will be operating independently of each other and, as such, will have different applications, methods of processing requests and timeframes for distribution.

- ***Where do the Repositories get their feathers?***

The Repositories can use molted feathers gathered under their own permits, such as Liberty's rehabilitation permit and Sia's live possession of raptors permit. They can also use the feathers from birds that die of natural causes that they possess under these permits.

The Repositories may also accept donations from other permitted sources from around the country, including zoos, museums, rehabilitators, or persons holding falconry or research permits. [See Donation Fact Sheet for more information.](#)

- ***Do I need a permit to obtain the feathers?***

During the pilot program, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will not be issuing federal permits for possession of non-eagle feathers and parts. However, each recipient of these items will receive a Letter of Authorization that allows for their legal possession. Proof of enrollment in a federally-recognized (BIA) tribe is required during the application process..

- ***Can I apply to both Repositories?***

Not at the same time. You can choose which Repository you wish to obtain feathers from, and they will contact you regarding your order request. If you have a pending request with one Repository and decide you would like to send it

to the other Repository instead, you may withdraw your original request at any time, and for any reason. You may NOT have two requests submitted for processing simultaneously.

- ***Can I get eagle feathers from the Repositories?***

You cannot receive eagle feathers from the Non-eagle Repositories. . However, the Sia Essential Species Repository currently holds an Indian Religious Use permit that authorizes them to distribute eagle feathers from their facility for religious uses. You may contact them for more information.

***For request forms, contact any of the following:***

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