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Eaglewatch Lake: reservoir; 46 acres; in South Platte Park; 2.2 km (1.4 mi) NE of Chatfield Lake; named for the quality of the bald eagle habitat found at this reservoir; Arapahoe County, Colorado; Sec 31, T5S, R68W, Sixth Principal Mer.; 39°34'25"N, 105°02'33"W; USGS map – Littleton 1:24,000.

Proposal: to make official a name in recent local use

Map: USGS Littleton 1:24,000

Proponent: South Suburban Parks and Recreation; Littleton, CO

Administrative area: South Platte Park

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: None found

Local Usage: Eaglewatch Lake (City government; local fishermen)

Published: Eaglewatch Lake (Littleton Parks, Trails and Open Space, City of Littleton, 2008), South Platte Park Pond (Google Maps)

Case Summary:

This 46 acre reservoir lies 2.2 km (1.4 mi) northeast of Chatfield Lake. The name Eaglewatch Lake was chosen because during the winter, the reservoir is slow to freeze, so bald eagles perch in the surrounding trees to watch for fish. In turn, people gather to watch and admire the visiting eagles. According to the proponent, “having a name to reflect these relationships will arouse interest and increase stewardship of the reservoir and the park.” Google Maps labels the body of water South Platte Park Pond, but after the Littleton City Council approved the name Eaglewatch Lake, that name has come into local use. There are no other features in Colorado that contain the word “Eaglewatch” in their name.