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Dear Fred,

Pete Petersen passed on to me your letter commenting on the American Birds report of Bald Eagles nesting in NE Iowa last summer that was attributed to you. The American Birds summary was based on copy I provided them, hence my reply to you. I checked back to the information you provided me last summer--see copy. Based on that, I reported in Iowa Bird Life and to American Birds that a Bald Eagle nest was successful in NE Iowa (Margaret Anderson fide FL), but I did not put the location of the nest in the comment. I was basing my report on the Dead Haines nest that you wrote about and that I took to be in Iowa, not the New Albin nest. When Peterjohn wrote his writeup, he took out reference to Margaret Anderson and I would guess that this omission led you to think that he was referring to the New Albin nest. I am sorry if this has caused any confusion but I think that what I wrote is correct based on the information that I had available at the time.

Steve and I spent a few days at the end of May in Yellow River Forest, my first trip back there since I birded the area with you and Darwin at the fall 1982 IOU meeting. We didn't have anything unusual although we had good birding and saw all of the birds we expected to see there.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Dinsmore".

Location of
Bald Eagle nest,
March, April 1985
Allamakee Co., Iowa

