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Comments: According to USFWS " Quality habitat is extremely important during breeding season, when many birds nest in trees, shrubs, on the ground, or on rocks and rely on nearby resources to raise healthy young. If that habitat is destroyed or disturbed during the breeding season, nests may be lost or abandoned or productivity may be reduced. Loss and degradation of quality bird habitats can lead to population declines at a local and national scale."

There are osprey, eagles and peregrine falcons who have nested here at the lake. Osprey are an indicator species of healthy waters. If we disturb their habitat they will loose their vital breeding habitat which will severely impact their populations. We are already facing a downward spiral of bird populations. We need to all we can to conserve these vital breeding habitats.

Additionally, their wetland habitat is vital to their survival and ours. Accordingly to BirdLife International it states that, " For centuries, wetlands have sustained human civilisations, providing fresh water, food, and climate resilience. They act as natural sponges, absorbing floodwaters and mitigating droughts, protecting coastal communities from storms, and filtering pollutants from water sources. By investing in wetland conservation, we invest in food security, disaster risk reduction, and climate action." Wetlands make up 3% of Colorado habitat but are refuges for several bird, plant and animal species. It is vital to the future of drought in Colorado to protect these wetlands from development.