New Dining Perches

The perch to the ospreys' nest was added in 2014 in the hopes of keeping the bird within view while they rested, ate, and slept. Their use of the perch exceeded our expectations. Both adults and mature chicks use the perch for dining.

However, while incubating eggs, and while the chicks are small and confined to the nest, the adults tend to fly off to other perches to eat their fish. In 2017, Dunrovin Ranch installed two tall wood perches to try to keep the ospreys away from using the nearby electrical poles and keep them within webcam view. One was located in the south pasture and the other in the winter field.

Unfortunately the wood poles were not strong enough to endure the high winds of summer thunderstorms and broke.

While they lasted, the adults did routinely use the wooden pole perches to get away from the nest and dine on their fish

This photo was taken from the Ranch Webcam just days before the pole was literally broken in half by strong winds.

New Steel Pole "Dining" Perches

Last week, two very long steel rods were delivered to Dunrovin. Our own talented metal, wood, stone, concrete, and all around crafts person, who fed the Dunrovin herd all winter, James Garland (also known as G3 to keep him straight from the other Dunrovin James, tech guru James Wasem) and his business and artistic partner Sean Malcom will craft two new, indestructible poles to replace the broken wooden ones. They will cap the poles with wood perches made from a couple of downed aspen trees for some great webcam photos.

These photos show the broken wood pole of the old perch in the south pasture and what the background will look like from our new Bench Webcam.

The Bench Webcam will offer some wonderful distance and close up views of ospreys against a lovely mountain background. Hopefully, Harriet, Hal, and this year's chicks will immediately begin to use the perches once they are installed. All we can do is hope. We can build it—but will they come?

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