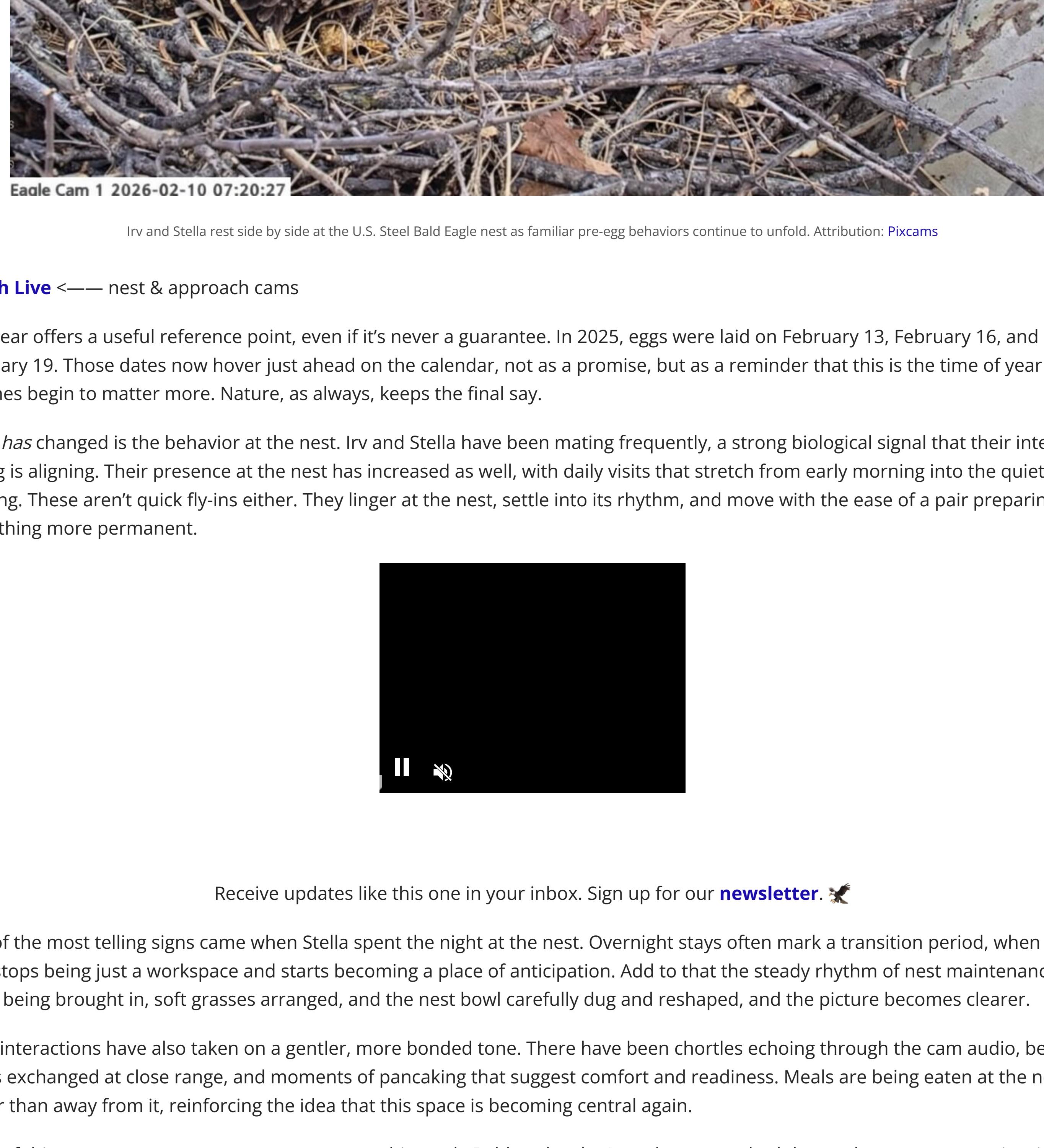


Egg Watch Begins at the U.S. Steel Bald Eagle Nest as Familiar Patterns Return

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The feeling around the U.S. Steel Bald Eagle nest is quietly shifting. Nothing dramatic has happened yet, no egg reveal, no sudden announcement by nature. But the small, familiar changes are there, and longtime viewers recognize them instantly. We are edging closer to the window where the first egg of the season *could* arrive, we are on egg watch.

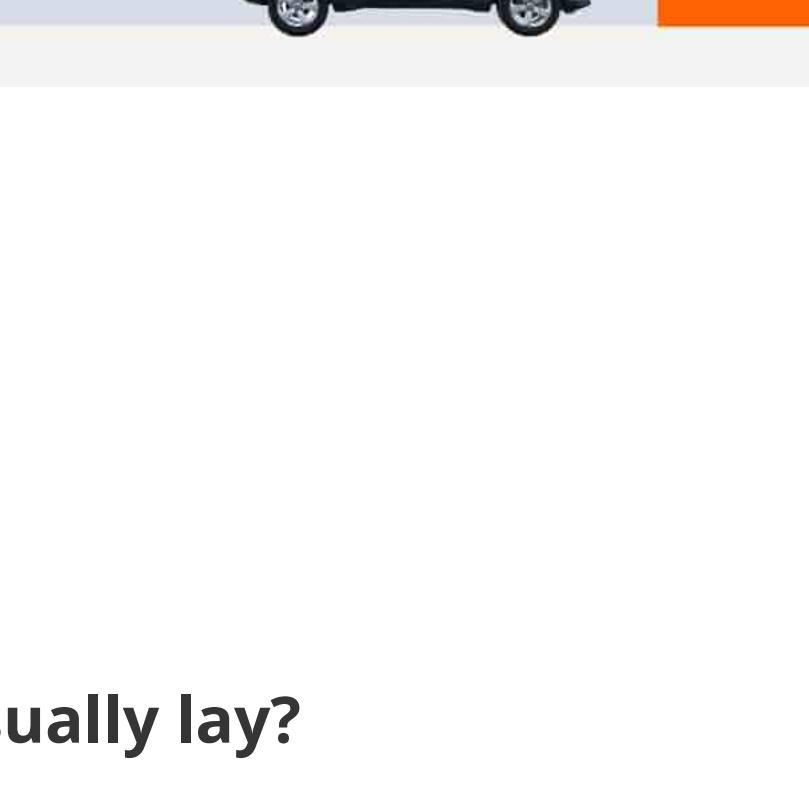


Irv and Stella rest side by side at the U.S. Steel Bald Eagle nest as familiar pre-egg behaviors continue to unfold. Attribution: [Pixcams](#)

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Last year offers a useful reference point, even if it's never a guarantee. In 2025, eggs were laid on February 13, February 16, and February 19. Those dates now hover just ahead on the calendar, not as a promise, but as a reminder that this is the time of year when routines begin to matter more. Nature, as always, keeps the final say.

What *has* changed is the behavior at the nest. Irv and Stella have been mating frequently, a strong biological signal that their internal timing is aligning. Their presence at the nest has increased as well, with daily visits that stretch from early morning into the quiet of late evening. These aren't quick fly-ins either. They linger at the nest, settle into its rhythm, and move with the ease of a pair preparing for something more permanent.



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One of the most telling signs came when Stella spent the night at the nest. Overnight stays often mark a transition period, when the nest stops being just a workspace and starts becoming a place of anticipation. Add to that the steady rhythm of nest maintenance, sticks being brought in, soft grasses arranged, and the nest bowl carefully dug and reshaped, and the picture becomes clearer.

Their interactions have also taken on a gentler, more bonded tone. There have been chortles echoing through the cam audio, beaky kisses exchanged at close range, and moments of pancaking that suggest comfort and readiness. Meals are being eaten at the nest rather than away from it, reinforcing the idea that this space is becoming central again.

None of this guarantees an egg tomorrow or even this week. Bald eagles don't work on our schedules, and every season writes its own story. But these behaviors don't happen by accident. They happen when a pair is moving into the next phase, step by careful step.

For now, viewers remain in that familiar in-between moment, watching quietly, knowing that when the first egg does arrive, it will feel both sudden and completely earned. Until then, the signs are enough to keep eyes on the cam and hearts a little more alert than usual.

FAQ: U.S. Steel Bald Eagle Nest Egg Watch

When do bald eagles usually lay eggs at the U.S. Steel nest?

In past seasons, egg-laying at the U.S. Steel Bald Eagle nest has occurred in mid to late February, though exact dates can vary each year.

Are Irv and Stella showing signs of laying eggs soon?

Yes. Frequent mating, increased nest visits, overnight stays by the female, and active nest bowl preparation are all common pre-egg behaviors.

Does sleeping at the nest mean an egg is imminent?

Not always, but overnight nest stays often happen shortly before or during the egg-laying period.

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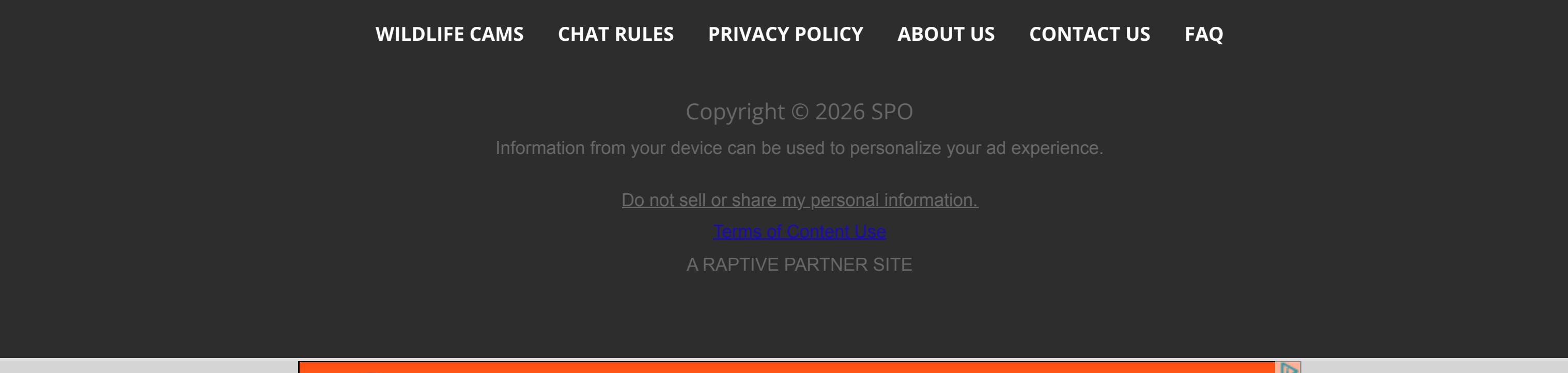
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