



# On The Wings of Eagles

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## Polaris Industries Make a Dream Come True



Candy and Greg Thurneau of Northern Performance present ABEF executive director Dan Hart with the key to the new Polaris Ranger that was donated by Polaris Industries of Minnesota.

Polaris Industries of Minnesota made a long time dream come true in March of this year with the donation of a Polaris Ranger 6 wheel drive vehicle. This remarkable vehicle will enable the ABEF to conduct research in areas that are often very difficult to get to; additionally, because of the way Polaris outfitted the vehicle it will also serve as the primary means of snow removal at the ABEF's natural history museum in Haines, Alaska. The vehicle is equipped with a six feet long snow plow, a 3,500 pound capacity winch, a passenger enclosure, and a tilting load bed with a capacity of 1500 pounds. The Ranger is powered by a fuel efficient 500 cc four stroke engine that is both very quiet and environmentally friendly. ABEF Board of Director's president Bob Adkins and executive director Dan Hart drove to Tok, Alaska to pick up the vehicle at the local Polaris dealership. Northern Performance owners Greg and Candy Thurneau outfitted the vehicle to Polaris's specifications and then held the vehicle until the ABEF could pick it up. With a retail value of more than \$13,000, this Polaris Ranger is a sign of Polaris Industries commitment to wildlife education, research, and conservation. The ABEF looks forward to working with Polaris in the future as we both strive to conserve America's magnificent wildlife.

