

A bald eagle is shown in flight, its wings spread wide, against a clear blue sky. The eagle's head is white, and its body and wings are dark brown. In the background, there are blue mountains with patches of white snow. The overall scene is bright and clear.

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