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Paul Stell Given Stewardship Award

The Oregon Department of Forestry and the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife have jointly presented Paul Stell, Natural Resources Manager for Bend Park & Recreation District, a 2009 Steward Award for Forest Lands. Stell was recognized for restoration work in Shevlin Park which, under his direction, has become a model of multi-resource management according to ODFW and ODF.

Significant work took place in Shevlin Park after the January 2009 storm. Along Tumalo Creek, large diameter logs were placed to protect stream banks, narrow the creek channel and provide pool habitat for fish and other wildlife. Streamside vegetation was protected during habitat work and there is no sign of heavy equipment damage to soils. The forest is managed for uneven-aged stands and tree species diversity. Many snags support a variety of wildlife. Over-stocked stands of young ponderosa pine have been thinned to encourage tree growth and remove fuels that contribute to wildfire.

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