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## **Goose Population Program**

USDA Wildlife Services has been conducting population counts of Canada Geese in Bend Park & Recreation District parks to determine the effectiveness of efforts to encourage geese to migrate and not overpopulate Bend's parks. Count results indicate that there are currently fewer geese in parks than last year and as a result, parks are cleaner.

Over the next two weeks, USDA Wildlife Services will be banding adult geese in parks and releasing them immediately. The bands are used to monitor geese movement. They will also relocate juvenile geese to the Summer Lake Wildlife Refuge. There will be no lethal management of geese this year.

USDA Wildlife Services and Bend Park and Recreation District, in cooperation with Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and have undertaken a year-round program including hazing and egg oiling. Over 20 volunteers and district staff have worked on the hazing program. "We're seeing that our parks are cleaner as a result of these efforts," said Paul Stell, Natural Resources Manager. "We'll continue to monitor park conditions over the summer," said Stell.

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