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To: Bill Watkins
From: Mike Hood
Date: June 19, 2006
Re: Update on the Goose Round-up

Park staff were advised this morning (Monday June 19) that USDA officials had conducted the planned geese round-up at Stephens Lake Park and the Twin Lakes Recreation Area sometime between late last week and the early morning hours of June 19. A total of 34 adult geese and 16 goslings were captured. The goslings were given to MDC for relocation to an appropriate location/locations in the southeast part of the state. The adults will be processed and given to food pantries for distribution. Half of those processed will be returned to the Central Missouri Food Bank. It is staff's understanding that a round-up is still planned for the Lake of the Woods Golf Course sometime in the near future. A round-up will not be conducted at L. A. Nickell Golf Course because of the limited number of geese currently at that site.

Staff also met with representatives of the St. Louis based GeesePeace organization last Friday afternoon to discuss their techniques for goose control and the possible development of a chapter here in Columbia. Staff is currently contacting a list of references and researching other information about this organization. A key to the success of the GeesePeace program appears to be the establishment of a broad base of active and dedicated volunteers. Staff believes this approach might have some promise, but they indicated a reluctance to work with any community that has already conducted a round-up. We will initiate further discussions to determine their future interest.