

and send us back a revised plan?

From: Ashley Alvarez (GPA)
Sent: Wednesday, September 04, 2019 5:25 PM
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Cc: Laura E. Mayes (GPA); Juan Ayala (GPA); Tim Woliver (OMA); Melinda Cerda (Parks); Bill Pennell (Parks)
Subject: RE: Update on effort to deter birds from roosting at Elmendorf Lake Park

USDA has given us approval to add language that says that these are just USDA recommendations and the City can choose to not allow certain parts of the plan (lethal removal of birds at Elmendorf Lake). Should be add that in the document or as part of the email and response to the ORR?

As for the nonviable language, Brianna said that what they included is reflective of what the permit allows. The permit doesn't differentiate between viable and non-viable eggs, it's for any egg removal.

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Ok.

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The lethal part is what we discussed. If that's the fallback plan, I think it should be included. But we can renew that conversation with JBSA.

I think adding the nonviable language is a good idea. Ashley, will you follow up with JBSA?

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My suggested edits:

Good afternoon,

As a resident or stakeholder who has expressed interest in staying updated on the efforts to deter birds from roosting at Elmendorf Lake Park, I'm reaching out to provide you with another update on the issue. Some residents and stakeholders have communicated that they'd like to see a full written

mitigation plan, please find the plan provided to the City by the United States Department of Agriculture attached to this email.

Update: ~~Previously planned to begin mid-September, w~~ **Work to modify the habitat and deter birds** from roosting at Elmendorf Lake Park is ~~now planned to begin mid-October 2019~~ through the winter months and until the new breeding season begins. The timeline below is meant to provide an idea of the methods that will be occurring, but **please note that frequency and use of these methods depends on bird activity.**

- **Beginning October 2019**, you ~~may~~ **will** notice the **clearing of underbrush and tree trimming on bird island.**
- Once habitat modification is complete, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will work to relocate birds through the use of visual and audible deterrents.
- **Sometime between November 2019 and February 2020**, you ~~may~~ **will** hear noises similar to **fireworks in the evening** for roughly two hours before sunset (noises should only be heard within a ~~one~~ **or maximum** two-mile radius of the park).

Additionally, you may have seen coverage of a strike at Kelly Airfield/Lackland Air Force Base in the news recently. I have included an email below from Juan Ayala, Director of the City's Office of Military and Veterans Affairs, for your situational awareness.

USDA Plan Comments:

Are we ok w/this (highlights)? I thought USDA was modifying to qualify egg removals as non-viable. I am not suggesting the plan not be transparent and if plan it to result to lethal removal if necessary then there's not really another way to reflect this. If there is not a commitment to lethal removal then is the plan to capture and physically relocate and if so then should that be listed in the plan as an alternative?

- Special USFWS permit required to haze nesting birds and **destroy nests/eggs if necessary**
USDA APHIS WS will initiate permit with USFWS if necessary

****USDA Recommended Action: **If egrets are continuing to attempt to roost and not affected by tools, **lethal removal of a few select birds** for reinforcement of loud noises as effective tools,**

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That's good. Just start a new sentence after "full written mitigation plan" and "please find..."

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Jeff/Homer, draft email below. Please let me know your thoughts. I ran this timeline by the USDA and they are good with it. Mo plans to release the plan to the Express-News today at 4:30 p.m. so I'd like to send this out at that time as well.