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## NORTHWEST TREK WILDLIFE PARK CLOSES EARLY DUE TO STRONG WINDSTORM

Eatonville, Wash. – Eatonville, Wash. – Northwest Trek Wildlife Park closed early today due to high winds from a strong Western Washington storm.

"We elected to close early for the safety of our visitors and staff," Deputy Director Alan Varsik said in announcing the closure.

Northwest Trek was open for a few hours this morning, but strong winds caused considerable movement among trees in the wildlife park's heavily forested areas, Varsik said. The decision to shut down for the day was made around noon.

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Northwest Trek, accredited by the Association of Zoos & Aquariums, is a 725-acre zoological park dedicated to conservation, education and recreation by displaying, interpreting and researching native Northwest wildlife and their natural habitats. The wildlife park is a facility of Metro Parks Tacoma and is located 35 miles southeast of Tacoma off State Highway 161.