

# **Media Alert National Eagle Center**

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## **LOST TUNDRA SWANS TO BE RELEASED BACK TO THEIR MIGRATING FLOCK!**

On November 20th, 2007 Bob Wallace a Minnesota Conservation Officer brought five lost and disoriented Tundra Swans to the National Eagle Center for help. He had received a call from some hunters near Hammond Minnesota who were walking through the woods when they came across the five swans.

Bob was able to round up the swans and bring them to the NEC. National Eagle Center staff looked the birds over and surmised the swans may have been migrating and then got off course and confused in the heavy fog the area experienced the night before and became grounded. After checking over the birds, NEC staff transferred the birds to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in the Twin Cities for a thorough examination.

A search of the area by Bob Wallace found one Tundra Swan that appeared to have been killed by a predator, which may have been what pushed the other swans into the woods where they became confused and exhausted and not able to gain flight again. They weigh 15 -17 pounds and need to get a running start before taking off, and may not have been able to do that.



**The National Eagle Center and Swan Watch Staff and Volunteers will release the Swans back to the wild at 1 p.m. at the Pioneer Supper Club Docks on Peterson Lake on the Mississippi River where Tundra Swans are feeding along their migratory route.**

**Pioneer Supper Club is located on 14026 657<sup>th</sup> St. on Co. Rd. 24 south of Wabasha Minn.**

**Call 651-565-4989 ext 107 for more information.**

**National Eagle Center staff member Bridget Goettl transported the off course tundra swans to the Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic in Roseville, MN.**