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Redd surveys to estimate the 2008 spring-run Chinook spawner escapement in Mill Creek were completed September 30th thru October 15th. **An estimated 362 spring Chinook spawned in Mill Creek in 2008.** Over 36 miles of habitat was surveyed and represents the known spawning habitat of spring-run salmon in Mill Creek.

For comparison, 140 spring Chinook were counted in the annual Deer Creek snorkel survey, 2 in the Antelope Creek redd survey and 3,935 in the annual Butte Creek snorkel survey in 2008. Estimates in Mill Creek for the previous 12 years have ranged from 202 to 1,594 salmon. Over 300 upstream migrant spring-run salmon passed an acoustic counter this spring in Mill Creek, (preliminary estimate).

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