



# ALCHESAY-WILLIAMS CREEK NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY COMPLEX WHITERIVER, ARIZONA



## MONTHLY ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

March 2015

*Bruce Thompson – Complex Manager  
Carrie Gregory – Administrative Technician*

### *ALCHESAY UNIT*

*Gene Okamoto – Unit Leader  
Pete Drevnick – Maintenance Worker/Motor Vehicle Operator  
Jeff Cody – Motor Vehicle Operator  
Joyner George – WMAT Fisheries  
Chadwick “Sharkey” Amos – Volunteer  
Travis Taylor – Laborer*

### *WILLIAMS CREEK UNIT*

*Bradley Clarkson – Unit Leader  
Russell Wood – Fish Biologist  
John Fenslage – Maintenance Specialist  
Mike Figueroa – Motor Vehicle Operator  
Jimmy Smith – Motor Vehicle Operator  
Isaiah Paxson – Animal Caretaker  
Carol Walker – Volunteer  
Jonathon Walker – Volunteer*



ANFH: March 04, 2015: Osprey makes an early arrival to Alchesay NFH

## *PARTNERSHIP AND ACCOUNTABILITY:*

- All requisite water sampling for the EPA was completed for both units.
- Alchey-Williams Creek personnel participated in the monthly Fisheries Coordination meeting between AZFWCO (Arizona Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office) and WMAT-WORD (White Mountain Apache Tribe – Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division).
- Carrie Gregory worked with the White Mountain Independent, the Arizona Republic, the USFWS Facebook page, and other media outlets to ensure that the public was aware that Apache trout stocking would begin early this year due to declining water flows.

## *AQUATIC SPECIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT:*

- Staff from the Williams Creek unit drove 860 miles to deliver 7,447 rainbow trout (~4.5” length) and 11,724 Apache trout (~7.5”-9” length) to Fort Apache Indian reservation (FAIR).
- Staff from the Alchey unit drove 2,351 miles to deliver 35,433 rainbow trout (~7.1”-9.3” length) to Zuni, San Carlos, Navajo, Hopi, and Pueblos Reservation lakes.
- The Williams Creek unit received and put down a shipment of 425,000 Rainbow trout eggs from White Sulfur Springs NFH.





### ***PUBLIC USE AND OUTREACH:***

- Williams Creek received 20 visitors this month.
- Visitation at Alchesay picked up this month, as warmer weather brought large groups out to use the picnic area and tour the hatchery. The hatchery received a total of 574 visitors including 300 visitors celebrating several birthdays, 150 visitors gathering for a family reunion, and 45 children and adults from the WMAT Christian Church, who enjoyed a picnic at the river.

### ***WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT:***

- Carol Walker continues to provide valuable assistance at the Williams Creek Unit. She provided 178.5 hours this month with fish culture duties and building maintenance. Jonathon Walker provided 106.5 hours at Williams Creek toward fish culture duties, grounds maintenance, and office work.
- Marty Holden began volunteer work at the Alchesay unit. He has assisted with tree thinning and loading fish. We are very happy to have Marty join our team of dedicated volunteers!
- Jimmy Smith was out for much of March due to serious injuries sustained while participating in a rodeo. He is on the mend and we all wish him a speedy recovery.
- Pete Drevnick attended the week long Very Small Water System Drinking Water Level 1 Operator course in Phoenix and earned his Small Drinking Water System Operator certification.
- Bruce Thompson attended the FERS Retirement Training Webinar on-line.

- Travis Taylor received a signed copy of the Release of Claims from Redpoint Contracting. The A-B Water Supply Pipeline project has been completed for Williams Creek, and the hatchery is currently utilizing this new water supply line.

### *LEADERSHIP IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:*

- The Williams Creek unit installed an electric fence around pond 4, intended to reduce fish loss by keeping determined raccoons out. If the fence is successful, the Alchesay unit will likely install similar fencing.
- John Fenslage and Travis Taylor installed two 250 gallon tanks on the new Ram 4500 DU. Once road conditions improve, plans are in place to stock Cyclone Lake, Pacheta Lake, and Reservation Lake using the Ram 4500 DU.

### *UPCOMING EVENTS:*

- Staff from both units will be attending the Water Reuse for Intensive Fish Culture course being held in Phoenix, Arizona from April 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The Complex will receive their annual fish health inspection next month.