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MEMORANDUM

February 9, 2014

TO: ARD-Fisheries
Attn: Rich Johnson, Field Supervisor

FROM: Craig Eaton, Project Leader, Hagerman NFH

SUBJECT: JANUARY 2014 Activity Report

PRODUCTION

Steelhead Brood Year 2013

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb.)	Length (inches)
140	Sawtooth	1,403,900	165,378	8.49	6.83
141	East Fork Hatchery	61,988	6,161	10.06	6.45

The steelhead are doing well. There are no significant issues to address this month.

Rainbow Trout Brood Year 2014

Lot Number	Stock	Number	Total Fish Weight	Size (#/lb.)	Length (inches)
142	Hayspur	146,698	0	0	0

146,698 Rainbow Trout eggs were received in January from Hayspur.

OPERATIONS

-Project Leader Eaton attended the monthly Project Leader conference call. Topics discussed included: 1) Update on the government budget which was passed; 2) VERA and VSIP update VSIP being offered to grades GS11-15; 3) Region Fisheries duties being redistributed; 4) Update on Recirculating Aquatic Systems projects-the report is complete.

-The reuse project 95% design is now complete. Construction will be commencing sometime in March with a completion date of June 1st. Submittals are currently being emailed 2-3 per week

for review. Some of the original specs will have to change as parts are now manufactured differently or made with alternative materials. This will push back the completion date and possibly increase costs.

-We are still trying to fine-tune the raceway Pressurized Oxygen Tower. In an effort to make the tower more efficient and operate according to Engineer's design, the hatchery personnel replaced the three inch pipeline, leading from the tower to the upper level of Bank B & C, with a four inch line. This will be our last pipeline change until the current brood year of steelhead are released. Once fish are released, we will be able to test the system and drill larger holes in the orifice at the end of the pipeline to see if we can create the oxygen saturation for which the system was designed. If not, the Engineers said they would replace the current pump with a larger pump for the system to work correctly.

PERSONNEL/TRAINING/SAFETY

- Project Leader Eaton attended a webinar entitled "*Federal Accessibility Communities of Practice, Now and in the Future*". It covered 508-comformaty, available resources, expert accessibility within the Federal government, and information on how to make websites and documents accessible.

- Adam Leija, Animal Caretaker, traveled to Wisconsin to attend "Intro to Fish Health" course at the LaCrosse Fish Health Center.

- Anna Ray, Fisheries Program Assistant, traveled to the Boise Lower Snake River Compensation Plan office to provide administrative assistance. Ms. Ray also attended an Advanced Microsoft Excel class.

COORDINATION

Jan 14-Region 1 Assistant Project Leader Turik worked with Regional Supervisory Hydrologist, Tim Mayer, with the UFWS Water Resources Branch, who visited the Hatchery to identify hatchery water source locations and to GPS the sites. Mr. Mayer will be making a pamphlet depicting our water rights with pictures and GPS coordinates of the 17 different springs within the hatchery grounds.

Jan 21- Project Leader Eaton attended the annual meeting of Water District 36A of which the hatchery is a member. The meeting included Chairman and 2014 Advisory Board Member elections, Water Master's report and goals for 2014, and District news and updates. As the prolonged drought in southern Idaho continues, it appears making a call on water for some may become a reality. There is still a pending court decision concerning Rangen vs. Idaho Water Board, to see if local hatcheries have priority water rights over many dairy deep irrigation wells.

Jan 23- Hatchery staff went to Niagara Springs Fish Hatchery to tour the newly remodeled facility. Jerry Chapman, Hatchery Manager, gave us a tour of the newly installed UV system, traveling screens and much improved early rearing building. We were particularly interested in

the new traveling screens and it was valuable to see some of the issues they are dealing with. We hope to avoid some of these with our screens in the future.

Jan 28-30-Progress continues to establish our new Tribal Training Program with the Shoshone Bannock Tribe. One of the first training opportunities made available to them was a three day Fish Health training presented by Marilyn Blair (Guppy) and her staff from Idaho Fish Health Center at Dworshak NFH. Guppy said the training went well and the two Tribal workers asked a lot of good questions.

OUTREACH & VOLUNTEERS

- Project Leader Eaton met with the Hagerman Bird Festival committee to discuss the up-coming festival in February 2014. The Hatchery is working with our Regional Visitor Services department to update our Hatchery brochures with maps to assist festival attendees with access around the detour for the road that washed out in September.

Volunteer Hours: 0

Hatchery Contacts/Visitors: < **16yrs** = 6 >**16yrs** = 22

MAINTENANCE

- New kitchen faucet installed Q-7
- New Dishwasher installed Q-7
- 100 KW generator to Western States Equipment for start test and load test
- Installed new 2 inch valve on Spring 17 pipeline
- Serviced Maintenance Truck
- Serviced Backhoe
- Environmental Compliance Audit

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