LAHONTAN CUTTHROAT TROUT TO BE STOCKED LOCALLY

Anglers will have an opportunity to fish for Lahontan cutthroat trout (LCT) in Sparks Marina and at Fishermen’s Park on Friday, after November 4, 2005. The threatened LCT, reared at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s Lahontan National Fish Hatchery, will be stocked locally to provide a recreational fishing opportunity for anglers.

“We’re glad to have the opportunity to work with the Nevada Department of Wildlife to provide LCT for recreational fishing,” said Lisa Heki, Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, Fisheries Program Manager. “In addition to stocking the 10-12 inch cutthroat in Reno and Sparks, we also stocked LCT at Eagle Pitcher and Painted Rock on November 3, 2005. We will have stocked a total of 40,000 LCT when the stocking is complete.”

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal Federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 545 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resources offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign and Native American tribal governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Assistance program, which distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

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