MAGIC VALLEY HATCHERY
Monthly Narrative Report
June 2009

Rick Lowell

BROODYEAR 2009 PRODUCTION

A total of 1,880,428 eyed eggs have been received for Brood Year 2009. Current inventory of feeding fry is approximately 915,788 Dworshak stock, 575,927 Pahsimeroi Stock, 110,043 USB Stock, and 131,457 Sawtooth Stock. Our combined average size is 1,327.90 fish per pound. Feed conversion to date is approximately 0.93.

FISH HEALTH

Most stocks of steelhead fry appear to be in good condition. Vat 15 experienced elevated mortalities and was given a 10 day treatment of AquaFlor (Veterinary Feed Directive). After approximately 6 to 7 days, mortalities decreased from 1,000 per day to less than 300 per day.

SUMMARY

Hatchery personnel completed the following projects and activities during June:

- Submitted the LSRCP FY-10 budget and the IDF&G FY-11 budget.
- Started our second summer bio-aide Jake Wheeler.
- Completed pressure washing outside raceways to prepare for Brood Year 2009.
- Removed over-grown shrubs from in front of the Hatchery Dormitory.
- Worked on the remodeling of Residence “A” basement Bathroom.
- Received the annual state safety inspection. Results were favorable with only one minor issue to address.
- Hauled off miscellaneous junk to the recyclers.
- Received new Pressure Washer from LSRCP.
- Removed over-grown sagebrush from the hatchery perimeter fence.
- Received an Environmental Compliance inspection from the USFWS. Our facility was in complete compliance.
- Received the annual LSRCP inventory of both real property and equipment.
- Coordinated Fish Transport Tanker repairs with Steve Money from Hagerman National Hatchery. Rick received training from Steve in how to inspect trailer sub-frames for rust and damage.
- Rick and Tom both took time off with their families to vacation at Yellowstone.
UPCOMING PROJECTS/EVENTS

- Continue with miscellaneous landscaping.
- Replace hatchery heat pump/irrigations system pumps.
- Complete disinfecting outside raceways to prepare for Brood Year 2009.
- Fish Marking is Scheduled to begin on July 30th.

NEW ZEALAND MUDSNAIL OBSERVATIONS

We have not observed Mudsnails in any of the hatchery rearing containers.