MAGIC VALLEY HATCHERY
Monthly Narrative Report
May 2009

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BROODYEAR 2009 PRODUCTION

A total of 1,760,567 eyed eggs have been received as of May 31. As a result of egg enumeration and quality issues, 72,579 Pahsimeroi eggs were culled. Current inventory of combined eggs, sac fry, and feeding fry is approximately 941,614 Dworshak stock, 585,793 Pahsimeroi Stock, and 61,794 USB Stock. One lot of USB eggs and one lot of Sawtooth eggs are scheduled to be received during early June.

FISH HEALTH

All stocks of eyed steelhead eggs and first feeding fry appear to be in very good condition. We have not observed any mortality beyond “normal” levels.

SUMMARY

Hatchery personnel completed the following projects and activities during May:

- Repainted walls and installed vent fan in guest bathroom of residence C.
- Repaired three intake raceway valves.
- Began pressure washing raceways and completed pressure washing feeding bridge.
- A local contractor pumped all four residences septic tanks.
- Completed installing topsoil and grass seeding in front of residence “C” driveway.
- Tom Tighe completed the last module of Leadership training at CSI.
- Tom Tighe and Wade Symons assisted with a Trout in the Classroom activity at Hagerman State Hatchery.
- Tom Tighe participated in Physical Fitness and assisted Hagerman State with stocking catchable rainbow in the South Fork of the Boise drainage.
- Received chlorine and sodium thiosulfate for raceway disinfection.
- Hired one new Bio-Aide Eric Sharp.
- Completed pressure washing aluminum dam boards and raceway screens.
- Hatchery flows were reduced to the minimum flow of 6.49 cfs.
- Received visit from a EWOS feed rep.
- Both hatchery pickups were serviced.
- Submitted the FY 2010 LSRCP budget.
- Rick attended an ANS meeting at the Hagerman experimental station.
- Provided release data to the Fishery Bureau and Nampa Research personnel.
- Sent BY 08 Yankee Fork production and release data to Kurt Tardy – Shoshone Bannock Tribe.
UPCOMING PROJECTS/EVENTS

- Continue with miscellaneous landscaping.
- Replace hatchery heat pump/irrigations system pumps.
- Complete pressure washing and disinfecting outside raceways to prepare for Brood Year 2009.
- Receive all Sawtooth, and USB eggs.
- Submit IDF&G FY-2011 budget.
- Start our second summer bio-aide Jake Wheeler.

NEW ZEALAND MUDSNAIL OBSERVATIONS

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