

CRESTON NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY

AUGUST 2020 MONTHLY REPORT

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FISH PRODUCTION

August 31, 2020

SPECIES	NUMBER	FISH/LB.	LENGTH(IN)	WEIGHT(lbs.)
RBT-ARD-19	12,377	4.51	8.22	2,745
RBT-ARD-20	159,529	33.22	4.21	4,802
RBT-ARD-20T	26,159	26.05	4.58	1,004
RBT-ELD-20	350,306	79.06	3.16	4,431
RBT-ELD-20T	22,107	95.47	2.96	232
WCT-WED-20	281,553	1,190.11	1.34	237
TOTAL	852,031			13,449



Helicopter stocking of 50,000 young of the year Westslope Cutthroat Trout was completed on August 12th. These fish were stocked into fourteen high mountain lakes in the Mission Mountains.



On August 12th. Creston concluded its stocking season. Seasonal stocking numbers are as follows:

Bull Trout - 225

Cutthroat Trout - 265,971

Rainbow Trout - 558,208

Total - 824,404



All Rainbow Trout have been moved and split into 25 outside rearing units. These fish will remain in these rearing units until next summer when they will be stocked.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE



Effluent treatment facility hard at work converting fish waste into a solid. Annual maintenance was completed on the facility during the month of August.



Repairs to our big fish truck have begun. Six new fresh-flow aerators (pictured to the Left), eighteen new air stones, and all new wiring will be installed on the tanks this fall and winter.



Trail Maintenance was performed on our nature Trail and Nature Explorer Classroom. Brush and weeds were cleared along with a make over of the office flower beds, which will be ready for new plantings next spring.



New Barrel Drums were installed at the music and movement area at our Nature Explorer Classroom.

OTHER NOTABLE ITEMS



YCC student Cody Slivka crowding fish for one of the last stocking trips of the season. Cody concluded his work at Creston on August 28th. The extra help that is gained from the YCC program is what makes Creston's stocking season so successful. A big "THANKS" to Cody for his hard work and dedication to Creston NFH.



(Pictured above) A pair of Glacier National Park Bull Trout. This month Glacier National Park teamed up with Creston to produce an educational video on the importance of native fish. Park biologist Chis Downs and Creston’s acting hatchery manager Travis Slivka talk about the importance of native fish and how hatcheries play a part in Bull Trout recovery in Glacier National Park. This video can be found at the following links:

<https://www.facebook.com/74553624911/videos/344122033425926>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ddJb8v_6iU&feature=youtu.be

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Scheduling of tours. picnic pavilion, and nature explore classroom will continue to be on hold due to COVID-19.**

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