

CRESTON NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY

JULY 2020 MONTHLY REPORT

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SPECIES	NUMBER	FISH/LB.	LENGTH(IN)	WEIGHT(lbs.)
RBT-ARD-18	0	0.00	0.00	0
RBT-ARD-19	12,385	5.72	7.59	2,164
RBT-ELD-19	0	0.00	0.00	0
WCT-WED-19	0	0.00	0.00	0
RBT-ARD-20	204,933	42.62	3.88	4,808
RBT-ARD-20T	26,210	40.59	3.95	646
RBT-ELD-20	384,441	87.65	3.06	4,386
RBT-ELD-20T	20,356	136.21	2.64	149
WCT-WED-20	333,179	2,101.26	1.11	159
TOTAL	981,504			12,313



Stocking Flattop Lake on the Blackfeet Reservation with Westslope Cutthroat Trout. Its remote location is only accessible by our Gator. Creston Has stocked 215,686 Cutthroat Trout so far this year and have another 50,000 to stock in high mountain lakes in the Mission Mountains with a helicopter.



Stocking Green Lake on the Blackfeet Reservation with Rainbow Trout. 558,208 Rainbow Trout have been stocked so far this year.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE



Breakdowns were a common mishap in July pushing our stocking schedule back even further. Creston's small fish truck is in for repairs at the Ford dealership.

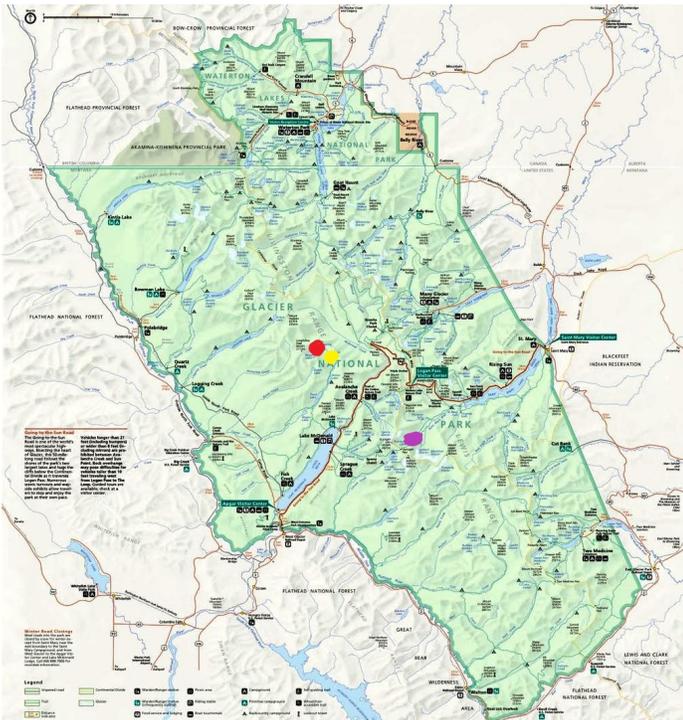


The last Trip of the season for our big fish truck ended up on the back of a wrecker. The truck broke down on top of Marias Pass loaded with fish. Luckily, we were able to be towed back to the hatchery where the fish were safely offloaded back into a raceway.

OTHER NOTABLE ITEMS



Tim Mockler waiting to be handed a net full of fish to be loaded on the fish truck. Tim's last day at the hatchery will be August 12th. Tim's hard work at the hatchery is greatly appreciated and having his extra help will be greatly missed.



Discussions with Glacier National Park on upcoming restoration and recovery projects. Camas (Red Dot) and Evangeline (Yellow Dot) are expected to start Bull Trout propagation in the fall of 2022. Gunsight (Purple Dot) is expected to start with Cutthroat Trout propagation in 2023 and Bull Trout Propagation in 2025.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Fish stocking for the season is nearly complete. Helicopter stocking of high mountain lakes in the Mission Mountains with 50,000 Westslope Cutthroat Trout is all that remains. Tentatively scheduled for August 12th.**
- **Scheduling of tours, picnic pavilion, and nature explore classroom will continue to be on hold.**
- **The entire Creston Fish and Wildlife Center is under a temporary closure due to COVID-19.**
- **Cody Slivka (YCC student) will be finishing up sometime the end of this month. Date is yet to be determined.**

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