

Monthly Activity Narrative

Hotchkiss National Fish Hatchery (HNFH)

June 2020

Mitigation/Recreational Fish Production:

- June- Our spring fish stocking ended with stocking the Animas River with 100,747 brown trout. The Southern Ute Indian Reservation received 80,647 browns and Colorado Parks and Wildlife received 20,100 browns near the town of Durango, CO.
- Now that spring fish stocking is over, crew members are concentrating all efforts into moving fish to final rearing raceways. This requires us to first clean the raceways to where the fish will be moved. Below picture depicts dueling power washers.



- After moving 241,000 rainbow from the upper Banks (A&B) fish to lower Banks (C, D&E) the crew geared up cleaning upper raceways making them ready for 310,000 fish that currently reside in the nursery.

Below table shows fish/eggs currently on station at the end of June, blue text means in nursery.

Species	Strain	Number	Weight	Fish/lb.	Size/in
RBT	ARD-ENN-19	90,370	4,697	19.24	5.06
RBT	SSD-ENN-20	150,490	6,125	24.57	4.67
RBT	SSD-WSS-20	310,128	3,371	92.00	3.01
	TOTAL Fish	550,988	14,193		

RBT= Rainbow Trout: FLD= Fish Lake Domestic, SSD= Shasta Domestic, ARD=Arlee Domestic, HxH= Hofer x Harrison (Colorado Strain), BNT= Brown Trout: PRD=Plymouth Rock Domestic. ENN- Ennis NFH, and WSS= White Sulphur Springs NFH.

Fish Health:

- All fish on station are doing well. No mortality issues.

Hatchery Maintenance

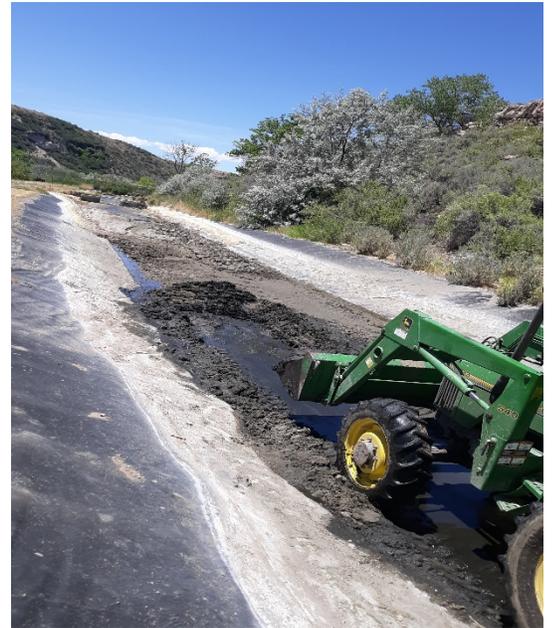
- Our sand settling basin reconfigure project. Kissner, General Contractor Inc. was awarded the project and work is continuing throughout June.



Picture on left shows excavation work next to the sand settling basin.

- The hatchery security gate project was awarded to Taylor Fence, a contractor out of Grand Junction, CO. They will begin work in September when the equipment is scheduled to be in.

- The annual drying and cleaning of the hatchery abatement pond was accomplished. (Right)



Personnel

Current employees at Hotchkiss NFH for the month are as follows:

Craig Eaton – Project Leader
Dominic Giordullo – Bio Science Tech
Katelynn Russell- Seasonal-Bio Science Tech

Beginning in June we had two Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) employees come on board. Dalton Lopes and Aaron Hoover both from Delta, CO, pictured to the right.

