

Monthly Activity Narrative

Hotchkiss National Fish Hatchery (HNFH)

MAY 2020

Mitigation/Recreational Fish Production:

- MAY- the Hotchkiss crew was busy rearing, loading, and stocking trout.



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

Species	Strain	Number	Weight	Fish/lb.	Size/in
BNT	PRD-BNT-19	100,700	1,678	60	3.5
RBT	ARD-ENN-19	99,732	2,256	44.2	3.84
RBT	SSD-ENN-20	163,471	3,022	54	3.59
RBT	SSD-WSS-20	312,000	1,515	206	2.30
TOTAL fish		675,903	8,471		

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.

Spring stocking we racked up 12,700 miles. Fish Stocking for May totaled 141,659 trout weighing 23,655 pounds distributed as follows:

Species	Strain	Number	Weight	Size/in	Location
RBT	FLD-ENN-19	7,716	2,736	10	McPhee Reservoir
RBT	SSD-WSS-19	22,480	7,752	10	McPhee Reservoir
RBT	FLD-ENN-19	11,959	4,218	10	Blue Mesa Reservoir
RBT	SSD-WSS-19	3,154	1,160	10	Confluence Park (kids fishing)
RBT	HxH-GSS-19	68,867	2,534	5	Leadville NFH
RBT	SSD-WSS-19	15,043	2,899	8	Silver Jack Reservoir
RBT	SSD-WSS-19	12,440	2,356	8	Lemon Reservoir
	Total	141,659	23,655		

Stocking fish while snapping picture at Ute Indian Reservation.



Fish Health:

- The Hofer x Harrison rainbow trout were delivered to Leadville NFH after a 10 day treatment of Aquaflor (Florfenical). Fish mortality dropped dramatically once they were put on medicated feed and where doing well. However, after delivery to Leadville NFH mortality increased maybe due to handling and transporting them.
- All other fish on station are doing well.

Hatchery Maintenance

- May, kicked off our sand settling basin reconfigure project. Kissner, General Contractor Inc. was awarded the project and began work May 28th by moving in their equipment to begin the work.
- The hatchery security gate project was out for bid but have not heard who it was awarded to.

Personnel

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

Craig Eaton – Project Leader

Mark Gaub - Bio Science Tech

Dominic Giordullo – Bio Science Tech

Katelynn Russell- Bio Science

Mark Gaub's last day was May 30th. He is officially retired and is in the process of moving to Great Falls, Montana. Mark was a hard worker and liked to get the job done, worked up until his last day. He will be greatly missed.

