



## Leadville National Fish Hatchery

May 2020

In May the Leadville Herald Democrat published the results from the “Best of” mail in voting for Leadville/Lake County for 2019. This year the hatchery received the most votes for two of the categories: “Best place to take kid’s” and “Best hiking trails”.

May also saw the beginning of our fish stocking season with fish being distributed in Twin Lakes, Turquoise, Mt. Elbert Forebay, Clear Creek and Hayden Meadows Reservoirs. Additionally, fish were stocked in Emerald and Crystal Lakes.



Bio Tech Alyssa Capriotti demonstrating fish handling to Lake County 5th grade students during 2019’s Pathways to Fishing program.



Leadville National Fish Hatchery has over 12-miles of hiking trails, along with our 1-mile nature trail loop. Three of our trails connect to the Colorado Trail in the Mt. Massive Wilderness Area, providing access to hundreds of miles of trails on US Forest Service land.



May was the start of our stocking season with catchable trout being released in five reservoirs and two smaller lakes.



Hotchkiss National Fish Hatchery delivered 68,000 fingerling rainbow trout for Leadville to grow-out for 2021 stocking.



Two new Bio Tech's, Michael Heckman (left) and Ryan Maxwell (right) started in May. Bio Tech Madeline Toolen transferred to the USFWS office in Lodi, California. Quinault NFH Project Leader Josh Homer and Colorado FWCO Fish Biologist Chris Kennedy both started 30-day and 60-day details, respectfully.

## **End of May Hatchery Staff**

Project Leader - Ed Stege

Fish Biologist - Paige Moran

Facility Operations Specialist – Vacant

Temp Biological Technicians:

Brandee Keuer

Alyssa Capriotti

Michael Heckman

Ryan Maxwell

Supervisory Fish Biologist – Josh Homer (30-day detail)

Fish Biologist – Chris Kennedy (~60-day detail)