



## Leadville National Fish Hatchery

September 2020

September brought the changing of the seasons, a brief experience of the winter to come and wrapping up the fiscal year. Paperwork was completed, budgets were balanced, Zoom meetings attended, training completed, fish stocking has ended, and the fish and toads continue to grow.



The last fish stocking for 2020! This month we wrap up the stocking season with a few trips to Twin Lakes.



The second week in September brought us 10-inches of early snow. Fortunately the trees up here are good at bending.



As part of a long term study on high mountain streams we have temperature data loggers in several spots and little feeder creeks on Rock Creek above the hatchery. Each logger records hourly temperatures for about a year before needing to be replaced. Pictured is Bio Tech Ryan Maxwell changing out one of the recorders on Rock Creek.



Every month or two we weigh our Wyoming toads to track their progress. Hard to believe that two months ago they were tadpoles. Picture is Bio Tech Alyssa Capriotti our primary toad and insect culture employee.



The last of our summer RV volunteers pulls out mid-September.



The last week in September Andrew Thatcher joined the hatchery crew as our Facility Operation Specialist. Andrew's previous maintenance type positions were with the National Park Service and USFWS. It's a great addition finally having some maintenance help which had been vacant since 2018.

## **August Hatchery Staff**

Project Leader - Ed Stege

Fish Biologist - Paige Moran

Facility Operations Specialist – Andrew Thatcher

Temp Biological Technicians:

Alyssa Capriotti

Michael Heckman

Ryan Maxwell

Summer volunteer: Diane Larrabee

A couple more pictures of the season.

