

Monthly Activity Narrative
Hotchkiss National Fish Hatchery (HNFH)
 October 2019

Meetings/Training/Events:

- Nov. 6- Regional Engineer Michael O’shea visited Hotchkiss NFH for his first time. The visit was to look at our production water spring, pipelines, sand settling basin, and degasser. He met the crew and walked around the hatchery to become more familiar with the upcoming sand settling basin project.

Mitigation/Recreational Fish Production:

- This month the crew was busy with regular aquaculture duties and were tasked additionally with loading fish trucks for the Fall Stocking. A total of 13 truckloads went

RBT	SSD-19	40,619	7316	8	Heron Reservoir
RBT	SSD-19	10,283	1922	8	Ridgeway Reservoir
RBT	SSD-19	50,001	9389	8	Navajo Reservoir
RBT	HxH-18	20,209	7626	10	Lake Nighthorse
RBT	HxH-18	9,030	3286	10	Blue Mesa Reservoir
	Total	130,142	29,539		

out in October.

Fish stocking for October totaled 130,142 trout weighing 29,539 pounds distributed as follows:

Below chart shows fish currently on station at the end of October.

Species	Strain	Number	Weight	Fish/lb.	Size/in
RBT	FLD-19-ENN	99,686	5,857	17.02	5.3
RBT	HxH-18	53,049	23,789	2.23	10.39
RBT	HxH-18-VAC	29,021	11,797	2.46	10.06
RBT	SSD-19 ENN	27,940	7,201	3.88	8.64
RBT	SSD-19 WSS	140,115	8,232	17.02	5.27
	Total	349,811	56,876		

RBT= Rainbow, FLD= Fish Lake Domestic, SSD= Shasta Domestic, HxH= Hofer x Harrison (Colorado Strain), and VAC= Vaccinated. ENN-Ennis NFH, WSS= White Sulphur Springs NFH.

Fish Health:

- Fish health was good even the Hofer x Harrison strain in E-bank under the covered structure, were doing well before stocking them out. We have had difficulties with fish in the E-bank for some unknown reason. We plan on disinfecting the tail box of D-bank, pipeline going to E-bank from D-bank, and head box of E-bank. We continue power washing raceways to prevent any bacteria that may be present from getting a toe hold.

Hatchery Maintenance

- Our breakroom water heater was replaced by Larry Connally from Great Western Plumbing and Heating. It had gone out a while ago and the crew got tired of washing dishes with cold water so it was finally replaced.