



ALCHESAY-WILLIAMS CREEK NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY COMPLEX WHITERIVER, ARIZONA



MONTHLY ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

April 2015

*Bruce Thompson – Complex Manager
Carrie Gregory – Administrative Technician*

ALCHESAY UNIT

*Gene Okamoto – Unit Leader
Pete Drevnick – Maintenance Worker/Motor Vehicle Operator
Jeff Cody – Motor Vehicle Operator
Joyner George – WMAT Fisheries
Chadwick “Sharkey” Amos – Volunteer
Travis Taylor – Laborer*

WILLIAMS CREEK UNIT

*Bradley Clarkson – Unit Leader
Russell Wood – Fish Biologist
John Fenslage – Maintenance Worker
Mike Figueroa – Motor Vehicle Operator
Jimmy Smith – Motor Vehicle Operator
Isaiah Paxson – Animal Caretaker
Carol Walker – Volunteer
Jonathon Walker – Volunteer*



PARTNERSHIP AND ACCOUNTABILITY:

- All requisite water sampling for the EPA was completed for both units.
- Alchesay-Williams Creek personnel participated in the monthly Fisheries Coordination meeting between AZFWCO (Arizona Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office) and WMAT-WORD (White Mountain Apache Tribe – Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division).
- SNARRC Fish Health Unit completed the Complex's 2015 annual fish health inspection.



Marlene Rodarte and Linda Vannest conduct fish health inspections.

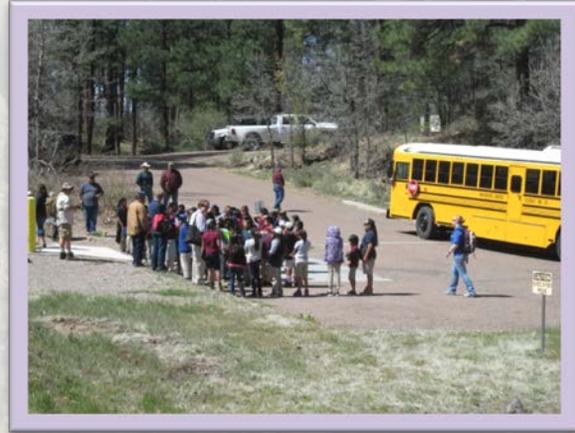
AQUATIC SPECIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT:

- Staff drove 15,392 miles to deliver 237,359 rainbow trout (7.8" average length) and 13,220 Apache trout (9.58" average length) to Fort Apache, Zuni, San Carlos, Navajo, Jicarilla, and Pueblos Reservation lakes.

All of the staff have been extremely busy stocking fish in anticipation of another hot, dry summer.

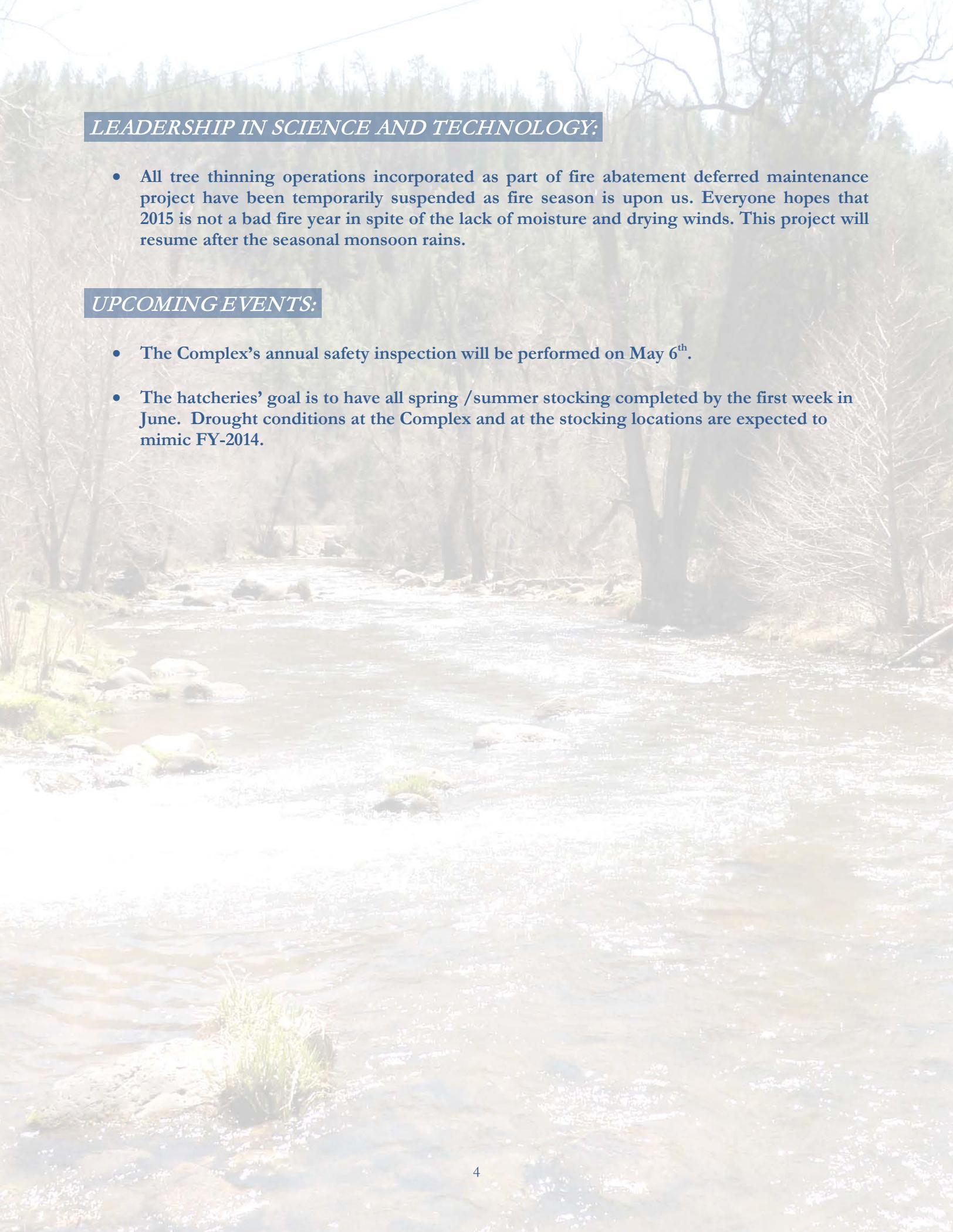
PUBLIC USE AND OUTREACH:

- Williams Creek received 79 visitors this month, including three hatchery tours totaling 140 students. The students were from Whiteriver, Cibecue and Blue Ridge Elementary. Alchesay received a total of 394 visitors. Several birthdays, reunions and spring break gatherings were celebrated at the picnic area. With the pleasant spring weather, both units are experiencing a marked increase in local and out-of state visitors



WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT:

- Carol Walker continues to provide valuable assistance at the Williams Creek Unit. She provided 159 hours this month with fish culture duties and building maintenance. Jonathon Walker provided 99 hours at Williams Creek toward fish culture duties, grounds maintenance, and office work.
- Jimmy Smith returned to light duty at the Williams Creek Unit in April, after sustaining serious injuries during a rodeo in March. We are very happy to have him back!
- Pete Drevnick earned his Class A Commercial Driver's License. We now have two licensed drivers who are qualified to tow with combined truck/trailer GVW ratings of 26,001 lbs. or more provided the GVWR of the vehicle(s) being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds.
- All staff completed the 2015 FISSA training course.
- John Fenslage completed the training requirements to become the Collateral Duty Safety Officer for the complex and is hard at work prepping the hatchery for the upcoming safety inspection.
- Bradley Clarkson, Pete Drevnick, Russ Wood, and Bruce Thompson attended the Water Reuse for Intensive Fish Culture course held in Phoenix, Arizona.
- Joyner George spent 12 days in the month of April away at Turkey camp.
- Carrie Gregory submitted her resignation in early April, and left the Complex on April 24th to move to Phoenix, leaving the Administrative Technician position vacant. She very much enjoyed her time spent working for Region 2 and will miss all of the wonderful people at Alchesay- Williams Creek NFH!



LEADERSHIP IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:

- All tree thinning operations incorporated as part of fire abatement deferred maintenance project have been temporarily suspended as fire season is upon us. Everyone hopes that 2015 is not a bad fire year in spite of the lack of moisture and drying winds. This project will resume after the seasonal monsoon rains.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- The Complex's annual safety inspection will be performed on May 6th.
- The hatcheries' goal is to have all spring /summer stocking completed by the first week in June. Drought conditions at the Complex and at the stocking locations are expected to mimic FY-2014.