



# ALCHESAY-WILLIAMS CREEK NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY COMPLEX WHITERIVER, ARIZONA



## MONTHLY ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

June 2015

*Bruce Thompson – Complex Manager  
Travis Taylor- 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*

### *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:***

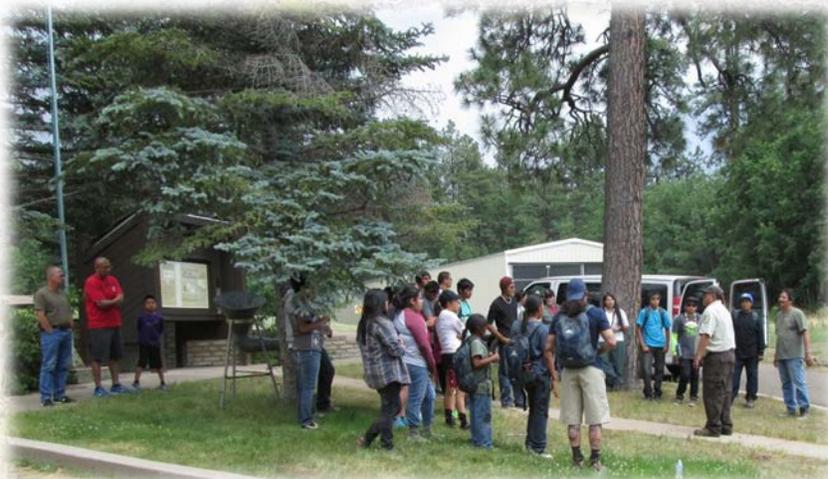
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided fish and support for the Kids fishing derby held at Bog Tank located on Fort Apache Indian Reservation. The Service works closely with the White Mountain Apache Tribe ensuring a safe and successful fishing derby.
- All requisite water sampling for the EPA was completed twice this month for both units.
- There was no monthly Fisheries Coordination meeting between AZFWCO (Arizona Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office) and WMAT-WORD (White Mountain Apache Tribe – Wildlife and Outdoor Recreation Division) due to illness and scheduling conflicts.

### ***AQUATIC SPECIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT:***

- Staff drove 885 miles to deliver 3,818 Rainbow trout (8.5” length), 12,691 Apache trout (9.5” length), and 6,794 Brook trout to Fort Apache Indian Reservation.
- Future broodstock has been sorted and selected at WCNFH. Currently 9,000 Apache trout fingerling have been selected for gamete collection in 2017 and 2018.
- Incentive 14 to 17 inch excess Apache trout broodstock continue to be stocked into local Fort Apache Indian Reservation waters. These large Apache trout will definitely get the attention of some lucky anglers.

### ***PUBLIC USE AND OUTREACH:***

- Williams Creek received 269 visitors this month and Alchesay received a total of 250 visitors. With warmer weather, both hatcheries have seen a major influx of visitors.



## **WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT:**

- Carol Walker provided valuable assistance at the Williams Creek Unit. She volunteered 147.5 hours this month helping out with fish culture duties and building maintenance. Jonathon Walker provided 109 hours at Williams Creek toward fish culture duties, grounds maintenance, and office work.
- Juwon Alchesay and Chad Amos were selected as our 2015 YCC hires. They are both excited to gain valuable fish culture knowledge, assist with construction, and build a pollinator garden from the ground up.
- The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) is a program developed through United States Department of Labor geared towards furthering careers and getting skilled workers in the workplace. At the Complex we have four WIA workers who have been providing hard work and have been gaining experience in fish culture and construction.
- We are very excited to welcome Travis as our new Administrative Technician. Welcome aboard Travis.
- John Fenslage injured his foot at work. After a Doctor's visit, x-rays showed tendon damage. Following Doctors' orders John has stayed at home and has been continually icing and elevating his injury. Future appointments will give us a better idea of the extent of the injury.

## **FACILITY MAINTENANCE:**

- The steel domestic water line within the Alchesay parking lot has continuously sprung leaks for years due to rusted piping. Instead of more patching, the decision was made to fix it right and completely replace it. The water line replacement took five days to complete with the help of the WIA workers.



- Asbestos testing was completed on two unoccupied WCNFH houses scheduled for demolition this year. Both houses were originally built in 1950.

### *LEADERSHIP IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY:*

- Surplus canopies that were picked up from Davis Air Force Base last month were uncrated and built over raceways at Williams Creek. As planned, these canopies fit perfectly over A-bank raceways. These canopies will reduce predation, provide important shade and covering, and will result in less stress to the vulnerable Apache trout.



- Liquid oxygen safety training was presented to the staff at Williams Creek. Concerns regarding flammable materials developed when a nearby small forest fire resulted in the local fire department visiting the facility to check on hazardous chemicals on site. This led to a discussion about protocols in place if an evacuation of the facility was ever necessary.
- Supplies have arrived and excavation has begun on the upcoming disinfection station to be built at Alchesay NFH. This is to be a “state-of-the-art” structure incorporating steam as well as chemical disinfection capabilities.

## *UPCOMING EVENTS:*

- Canopies will be constructed over B-bank raceways at Williams Creek.
- Bradley Clarkson will be attending a Leadership training course at NCTC.
- Construction of the Disinfection Station at Alchesay will continue.

