



ALCHESAY-WILLIAMS CREEK NFHC * WHITERIVER, ARIZONA

OCTOBER 2012: Monthly Accomplishment Report



Alissia Almaraz cleaning fry trough at Williams Creek

ALCHESAY-WILLIAMS CREEK NFH COMPLEX:

*Bruce Thompson – Project Leader AL-WC
John Mejia – Administrative Technician*

Alchesay Personnel

*Bradley Clarkson – Unit Leader
Pete Drevnick – Motor Vehicle Operator
Jeff Cody – Motor Vehicle Operator
Joyner George – WMAT
Andy Quay – Volunteer*

Williams Creek Personnel

*Gene Okamoto – Unit Leader
Russell Wood – Fish Biologist
Michael Figueroa – Motor Vehicle Operator
Jimmy Smith – Motor Vehicle Operator
Isaiah Paxson – Animal Caretaker
Dan Ragen – Maintenance Specialist*

PARTNERSHIP AND ACCOUNTABILITY:

- ❖ A biennial sanitary drinking water survey was conducted at the Alchesay-Williams Creek NFH Complex on October 02, 2012. This was a routine followup sanitary review conducted for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 9. The site visit was attended by Tara Chief, White Mountain Apache Tribe (WMAT), Andrew Sallach (EPA), Jay Charnholm Circuit Rider (RCAC), and Dan Fraser and Jan Dee May from Sleeping Giant Environmental Consultants. Gene Okamoto, Dan Ragen, Bradley Clarkson and Pete Drevnick represented the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Alchesay NFH North Well/Pump House

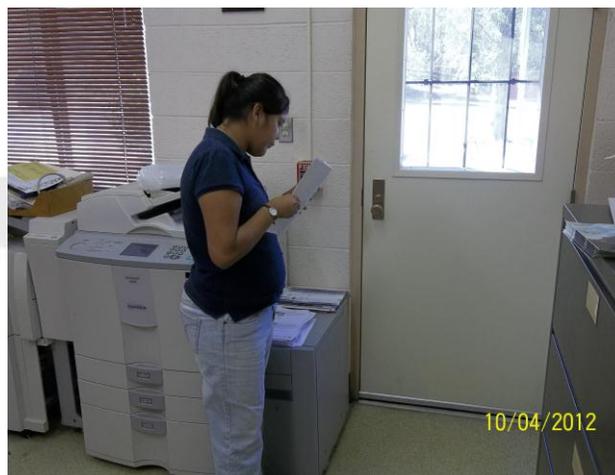


Alchesay NFH South Well



- ❖ Alissia Almaraz, Apache Trout crew member for Arizona Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office (AZFWCO) in the Whiteriver office, assisted Williams Creek NFH with fish culture responsibilities including feeding, cleaning units, recording data, and grading and thinning fish to outside raceways.
- ❖ The Williams Creek NFH staff are adjusting to their new work schedule that was implemented on October 01, 2012. The work schedule is rotated every month with a Sun – Thurs and Tues – Sat work schedule. The Mon – Fri schedule is unchanged.
- ❖ Alchesay-Williams Creek NFHC completed EPA monthly and quarterly monitor sampling for influent and effluent discharge water.
- ❖ The Alchesay High School special needs class continues to assist with completing fish culture assignments at Williams Creek NFH and at Alchesay NFH filing documents. The students are energized to come out and be part of the daily activities working along side a fish culturist and an administrative technician.

Alchesay High School Student



AQUATIC SPECIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT:

- ❖ Fish Distribution:
 - Williams Creek NFH: Distributed - 13,200 @ 1,685 pounds RBT to the Jicarilla Apache Tribe.
Transferred- 265,084RBT @13,634 pounds to Alchesay NFH.

- Alchesay NFH Fish Distribution: During October, Hatchery Complex personnel traveled 1,608 miles to deliver 27,300 trout weighing 3,990 pounds to four waters on the Fort Apache, San Carlos, Acoma, and Zia Indian Reservations in Arizona and New Mexico.



Williams Creek NFH personnel stocking fish in New Mexico tribal waters.

- ❖ Williams Creek NFH will be receiving their brown trout (BNT) egg shipment from Saratoga NFH on November 06, 2012. It has been approximately 7 years ago since the last shipment arrived from Saratoga NFH. This will be the earliest BNT eggs have arrive on station in order for us to better meet our size requirements for distribution.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE:

- ❖ The annual fire extinguisher inspection was completed at both Alchesay and Williams Creek NFH's.
- ❖ Annual pond excavation/preparation on Alchesay NFH ponds #5, #4, and #3 are ongoing to make room for a total of 368,000 RBT transfers from Williams Creek NFH.
- ❖ Alchesay's pond #2 is at about 85% completion. Most of the vinyl sheet pile siding is in place and interconnected with tie rods to the hatchery settling pond (pond #1) and pond #3. Roadways are being backfilled with drain rock and compacted earth. Forty more loads of crushed rock will be delivered during the first few days of November. Cement for angled panels will be delivered after that. If construction stays on schedule, ponds #2 and #3 should be ready to receive fish by the end of November.



PUBLIC USE:

- ❖ With the changing colder weather, visitation was down at both facilities. Visitor restroom facilities have been winterized for the year.

WORKFORCE MANAGEMENT:

- ❖ John Mejia's last day at Alchesay NFH as the Administrative Technician was October 5, 2012. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Patti Ferlisi (from the AZFWCO administration staff) graciously volunteered to take on the administration duties at the hatchery complex. Her varied talents are being shared by both programs. Patti has been a huge asset for the administration of the Alchesay-Williams Creek NFH Complex.
- ❖ Russell Wood, Jimmy Smith, Isaiah Paxson, and Mike Figueroa completed sorting (by gender) the Apache Trout brood stock for 2012-2013. There will be an adequate number of males available for 2012 Apache Trout (APT) broodstock program. Females that were recorded will be available for our 2013 APT broodstock program.
- ❖ End of the Month (EOM) reports were completed by hatchery management personnel. Williams Creek staff assisted Alchesay NFH in completing the balance of their fish stocking for the months of October, November and December 2012. This

FWCO approved consolidation of stocking trips reduces travel costs in accordance with service guidelines.

- ❖ Dan Ragen and Mike Figueroa lent a hand early in the month with the pond project at Alchesay NFH.



Dan Ragen working with Alchesay NFH Crew.

Pond 2 modification is still underway at Alchesay NFH. WIA (Workforce Investment Act) provided needed additional manpower to be able to complete this project as soon as possible.



WIA (John Benally, Randy Bonito, and Wade Goklish installing vinyl sheets.)