



Mora National Fish Hatchery

MORA STAFF GIVING ARCHERY INSTRUCTION

OCTOBER 2012

Mora Participates in NWR Week Activities

Jeff Powell and Teresa Martinez were invited to participate in Sevilleta NWR's Refuge week event held on October 13. Sevilleta NWR consists of approximately 230,000 acres in the heart of New Mexico.

The staff was on hand to provide archery demonstration and instruction. The students were instructed on range safety, archery terminology, and proper shooting forms.

Safety was a paramount concern and all participants were instructed in the range rules and whistle commands. Hatchery staff has been certified as archery instructors by USA Archery and the National Field Archery Association.

Only after all the students understood the basic techniques were they allowed to shoot the equipment.

The class was open to all age groups and skill levels. The attendee's ages ranged from retirees looking to pick up a new hobby to grade school students in their first extra-curricular activity. The experience between the students was just as broad, first time archers to accomplished hunters.

The students greatly enjoyed this experience. The event was a family occasion as the parents of some of the students joined in on the fun.

The refuge had many events running concurrently including refuge walking and driving tours, bird watching, geological history, and presentations from New Mexico Herpetological Society, Hawk Watch International and Prairie Dog Pals among others.



New System Completed

The new dedicated culture space for the Whiskey Creek lineage of Gila trout was completed in October. Currently, the bio-filter is cycling in preparation for the transfer of fish.



Volunteer's Depart

Judy and Allen Mills departed the hatchery during the first week of October. They had worked at the hatchery since May, and allowed us to complete many much needed projects. The staff wishes them well.

Aquatic Species Conservation and Management

Stocking

The hatchery stocked two separate locations during the month of October. In co-operation with the Arizona Game and Fish Department stocked 160 fish into Grapevine Creek, Arizona on October 15. The fish were from the 2012 South Diamond year class and were 3.6 inches in length and weighed 0.02 pounds each.

The second location stocked was in Upper Black Canyon Creek on October 31. Hatchery staff transported the fish to

Albuquerque, where staff from the New Mexico Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office subsequently stocked them out. There were 1,022 fish that were from the

2012 Main Diamond year class and were 4.0 inches in length and weighed 0.03 pounds each.



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Additional Activities

- Teresa Martinez attended FBMS and budget tracking training in the RO
- Grant Langmaid, Teresa Martinez, and Richie Garcia attended a retirement seminar in the RO.