



Mora National Fish Hatchery

September 2014

Whiskey Creek Recovery

5000 2014 Whiskey Creek lineage fish were VIE tagged in September. Hatchery staff was assisted by Ashlie Rademacher from Southwest Native ARC. A subset of the population was weighed and measured, fin clipped, and PIT tagged for Dr. Tom Turner at the Museum of Southwestern Biology in Albuquerque. These fish are scheduled for release into Upper White Creek, which is a tributary of the West Fork of the Gila, and represents a new location for this lineage.



Nate Wiese Arrives

The new Project Leader arrived on September 20. The staff is excited to be working with him to continually improve Gila trout culture. Please welcome Nate to the region!

New Electrical Panel

A new service panel was installed in Quarters #1 after the main breaker in the old panel tripped and melted. A replacement could not be found and was considered obsolete. A contractor was hired to perform the install and service was restored.





New Tractor Mower

A new mower for the recently acquired farm tractor was sourced and purchased. Hatchery staff has attached it to the tractor in preparation for reducing the brushy and overgrown areas of the hatchery.

Condition Assessment

Jae Ahn from the Regional Office was here in mid-September to perform the 5 year condition assessment. Jae was given an in-depth tour of the facility by hatchery staff and was shown areas of concern. He left the staff with a list of small projects that will be worked on in advance of the detailed report.



Volunteers Depart

Jim and Gail Graham departed on September 16. They were excellent volunteers and will be missed by the staff. Mora NFH looks forward to their possible return in 2015.

Lower WFG Stocking

1200 2014 Main Diamond Gila trout were stocked into the lower section of the West Fork of the Gila River on September 30. These fish were 4.08 inches and weighed 0.031 pound each. The truck was transferred to the NMFWCO, from where Dustin Myers stocked the fish into the river. Thanks Dustin!





New Pumps Installed

Two new one horsepower pumps were installed in the Spruce Creek system. The old pumps were end of life and were starting to leak. A new manufacturer was selected and the plumbing was reconfigured to accept the new inlet and outlet. The hatchery continues to hold this system in a state of “readiness” for future need.

Class A Status Retained

Results from the annual disease inspection performed by the Fish Health Unit of the Southwest Native ARC indicates that Mora NFH retains it’s Class A status for another year. A Big Thanks to the Fish Health Staff!



Isolation System Drains installed

Drains for the new isolation system in the visitor’s center were installed. Once the UV unit is installed the system will be operational.

Displays Installed

The outreach displays created for the Visitor’s Center were installed in September. Once a few more displays are framed and the aquariums are installed and plumbed the center will once again serve it’s intended purpose after a long hiatus.



Ashlie Radermacher Detailed

Ashlie performed a detail at the Mora NFH during early September. She assisted with the VIE tagging effort. The staff greatly appreciated her assistance and welcomes her back anytime. Thanks Ashlie!



In Brief

Jeff Conway completed the required EEO and Diversity training in September.

Jeff Conway attended the Regional FAC conference in Albuquerque.

Nate Wiese led the Coldwater Fish Culture short course in Idaho on September 23 to the 25.

Admin Office Renovated

The Administrative Office was in need of repairs and repainting and Lori Casados took the lead in that process. Walls were resurfaced and an accent color was applied. A new workstation was purchased and installed and the office looks excellent. Great Job Lori!



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