



## Monthly Accomplishments

## December 2015

### Fisheries Activities

Stephen Davenport assisted Colleen Caldwell, USGS New Mexico Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, and New Mexico Department of Game Fish (NMDGF) with annual population monitoring of the White Sands pupfish at multiple sites on Holloman Air Force Base. This long term monitoring will be used to evaluate the status and trends of the White Sands pupfish.

### Meetings and Trainings

Thomas Archdeacon, Tom Sinclair, and Jason Davis attended the CPUE Population Monitoring Workshop in Isleta, New Mexico. The workshop was hosted by the Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program (MRGESCP) and attended by its partners including Bureau of Reclamation, Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District, Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority, and New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission. A draft report summarizing the findings by an external science panel will be available in February 2016.

Jason E. Davis participated in the San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program's (SJRIP) Biology Committee meeting in Durango,

Colorado. The primary focus was the SJRIP's Long Range Plan and the setting of priorities for 2017. Following the meeting, Jason participated in two days of planning for an upcoming Flow Recommendations workshop.

### Education and Outreach

Angela James presented an introduction to the Native Fish in the Classroom (NFIC) Project to approximately 360 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students from Emerson, Monte Vista, Valle Vista, Osuna and Zia Elementary Schools. Angela provided an introduction to native fish species and the concept of conservation stewardship. After laying out the student's responsibilities, Angela and the students proceeded in setting up the classroom aquariums. The students will receive fish in January 2016.



Students gently placing substrate (sand and gravel) in their aquarium.



Angela and students filling the aquarium with water.

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### Personnel

Seasonal hire, Eileen Henry, completed her time with NMFWCO. Eileen worked with the Rio Grande Silvery Minnow salvage and monitoring activities. We wish her luck in her new endeavors.

### Upcoming Activities

Activities and meetings currently scheduled are listed below. Dates are subject to change.

#### January 2016

13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>: Gila Trout Recovery Team Meeting, Albuquerque

12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>: Upper Colorado River Endangered Fish Recovery Program/San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program's Annual Researchers Meeting; Durango, CO

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