

# Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery

## March 2016 Monthly Report

Larval Razorbacks continue to be delivered to the hatchery by the Bureau of Reclamation. The hatchery expects around 14,000 this season.



Interviews were conducted to hire a biologist at Achii Hanyo. WBNFH staff continues to rotate duties at Achii until that position is filled.

Scott Peterson, Maintenance Worker transferred to the Bureau of Reclamation and is working at Hoover Dam. Recruitment packages for the maintenance position and the admin position were sent to the regional office.

Visitors were not allowed to tour the hatchery this month due to road construction. Public access has been unsafe during this construction project since the access road has been removed in addition to the sidewalk to enter the outdoor raceways and restrooms.



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The Parking Lot Rehabilitation contract started on March 1. The concrete sidewalk has been demoed and replaced and the concrete valley gutter is mostly complete. The asphalt has been ground and the grade set over the flood control culvert. Robert Baca, Engineer visited the hatchery to go over questions the contractor had about grade and placement of the valley gutter.



The contractor for the floating pump system mobilized on March 29, 2016. Excavation started to replace a section of pipe and valves.



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### Facility Maintenance

Completed irrigation line replacement; repaired water lines damaged by paving project excavation and replaced sewer line from the apartment.

### Achii Hanyo Native Fish Rearing Facility

Work crews from WBNFH spent two weeks at Achii this month. The levee wall between pond 1 and 2 was widened and the remainder of the pond walls re-sloped. material was added to the upper end of pond two for better drainage to the kettle. Ponds 3 and C were harvested to remove non target fish and redistribute bonytail to the open ponds. Sections of the existing chain link fence were removed after falling over from rusted support poles. Many cubic yards of cotton wood tree leaves were removed from around the buildings.



### Upcoming Activities

#### Construction:

- Floating Pump System
- Parking Lot Rehabilitation
- ADA Restroom Renovation
- Well Cleaning