



# Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery September 2014 Monthly Report



No fish were stocked this month.

99 visitors signed the guest registry in September.

The hatchery experienced another break in, this time the intruder came prepared with a bolt cutter and just cut the chain securing the gate. L.E. Tim Cusack was informed of the incident and addition surveillance cameras have been installed. Nothing obvious was missing from around the raceways however our assumption is trout were stolen.



Giovanni Cappelli was promoted from Animal Caretaker to Fish Biologist.

Interviews were conducted to fill the vacant Animal Caretaker position.

The Administrative Technician job announcement was cancelled and will hopefully be re-advertised next month.

All staff completed required training for the fiscal year including FISSA, No Fear, Defensive Driving and Safety for Supervisors

Contractor Danny Ortega met with WBNFH staff and a potential sub-contractor to work out details of the well development project so the sub-contractor could provide an accurate proposal.

Cronkite news visited the hatchery to write an article and shoot a video story for a series called "Access Across Arizona". The article focused on the loss of the trout at the hatchery and the economic impact on the surrounding area. Project Leader Mark Olson and Hildy Angius Chairman, Mohave County Board of Supervisors were both



interviewed for the story. In addition, Congressman Gosar's representative Penny Pew attended the media event.

## Maintenance Activities

Maintenance at WBNFH included: Installing a test section of flooring for the feed room; construction of new tables for the larval razorback room; replacement of a reservoir heater for larval fish; repair and testing of the fish pump and preparation of the fish hauling trucks and tanks.





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## Achii Hanyo Native Fish Rearing Facility

New employee Tim Bundy started at Achii Hanyo. Tom Frew Assistant Project Leader showed Tim the facility and spent a couple days training Tim. In addition maintenance worker Scott Peterson spent a couple days with training Tim on heavy equipment and completing some repairs to the facility. Repairs included having a new well pump installed; shower faucet replacement; bee removal again by an exterminator and demolition of an old shed.