

Willow Beach National Fish Hatchery January 2016 Monthly Report

172 visitors signed the guest registration.



7904 razorback sucker were stocked this month into Lake Mohave and adjacent backwaters. 7,453 razorbacks were stocked in Lake Mohave and 451 in the backwaters. The stocking strategy this year was to stock once a week at several locations on the lake as close to the same time as possible. Hatchery staff loaded the stocking barge and two distribution trucks and departed from the hatchery accordingly to accommodate the stocking strategy.

Hatchery staff attended the annual Colorado Aquatic Biologist meeting in Laughlin, NV.



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Giovanni presented station updates for WBNFH and Achii Hanyo.

Maintenance Activities

American Conservation Experience (ACE) cut down cotton wood trees that were creating problems with leaves in the raceways and roots invading the hatchery drain lines. ACE swapped the work with the hatchery after Scott Peterson conducted ATV training for



their company in Flagstaff. The ATV training allowed them to operate FWS ATV's on Service lands.

In addition, staff from Imperial Refuge took advantage of the newly cut cottonwood trees and cut poles for transplanting on the refuge.



An overhead crane inspection was completed by an outside vender for the two cranes in the shop.

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A plan was developed to utilize the fire suppression system that belongs to the Park Service for irrigation at the quarters. This will assist with flowing water through the fire suppression system to avoid stagnation and also gives the hatchery clean water to irrigate.

The hatchery tool inventory list was updated to include serial and model numbers.

Achii Hanyo Native Fish Rearing Facility

The canal intake screen was replaced and the intake area mucked out while the canal was dry.



The agriculture tractor, backhoe and the heat pump on the crew trailer all had electrical issues that were repaired.

The repair of the levy between ponds 1 and 2 began by hauling dirt to areas that were dry enough to operate on.

Upcoming Activities

Achii Hanyo pond levy repair

Pre-con meeting for asphalt replacement