

TWG Presentation April 2, 2007

The NPS results of Bright Angel Creek project

1. There is no detailed report from the US FWS at this date. For the short amount of time allocated for the presentation the following information is made available:
 - "Electro-shocking surveys in Bright Angel Creek --- by three FWS employees and two NPS employees during the eleven days from November 14-24, 2006 --- resulted in 98 captures or recaptures of bluehead suckers, 957 captures or recaptures of speckled dace, 715 captures of 394 rainbow trout, and 158 captures of brown trout. Only the brown trout were euthanized.
 - The Bright Angel Creek weir was operated for 70 days from November 14, 2006, through January 23, 2007. At any one time one FWS employee operated it. The weir captured 36 rainbow trout and 54 brown trout. Only the brown trout were euthanized."
2. For the HBC translocation project into Shinumo creek, the NPS has a cooperative agreement with the Wildlands Council, which in turn is working with Bill Liebfried of SWCA. Park management has decided to use a Categorical Exclusion for the research project. On April 5th the NPS, the Wildlands Council and SWCA are meeting to discuss how to complete the compliance for the project, especially who will do what and when. We will likely also discuss project implementation, permitting, and procedures.
3. Personnel of the FWS Arizona Fishery Resources Office will again install the weir on April 6, and will operate it until they remove it on May 11. More electro-shocking surveys will occur from April 30 through May 5. AZGFD has issued the FWS a permit for removal of brown trout, but the permit does not cover removal of rainbow trout. The NPS is continuing to work with the AZGFD to receive a full permit to fully implement the FONSI for the Bright Angel Creek project, which called for euthanizing **all** non-native fish that are captured there.

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