

Wickwire

Deputy Director

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### Planting of German Brown Trout

This is in reply to your memorandum of May 7, 1973 requesting a copy of our five-year program for planting brown trout in streams in Alpine County.

We have no five year plan as such. The situation in Alpine County, and in many other mountain counties, is that the local interests have long expressed great interest in planting BN fingerlings widely in local streams in spite of the fact we have carefully explained this type of management is not effective.

Finally, in 1969 we initiated a small experimental program of planting marked fingerling BN and RT followed up by electrofishing surveys one and two years later. A few six-inch fish were found a year later but no marked fish were found the second year. We concluded from our study fingerling management did not work. The local sportsmen participated in this work.

Last fall the local interests purchased rainbow fingerlings from a licensed domesticated fish breeder and some browns this spring. As a public relations gesture we helped plant the fish in several streams.

At this time we have no plans for continued management studies on planting fingerling trout in Alpine County streams.

Currently we are stocking catchable-sized BN in three Alpine County streams, the two forks of the Carson and Pleasant Valley Creek. These BN are in addition to the rainbow catchables normally stocked in these waters. Because they are the Whitney strain of BN, there is some question as to their worth. A tagging study will be carried out to compare returns with rainbows.

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