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Re: Big Spring Rainbows being killed

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Quote:

troutbert wrote:

Do you see spawning in the fall or in the spring, or both?

In BS, I've only seen rainbows spawning in the fall. Keep in mind, however, rainbows have been stocked or escaped into BS at least since the 40s and concern over rainbow spawning has existed since the 50s so there could certainly be some spring spawners from these "older" fish. The bows in Falling Springs are typical, early spring spawners and there could certainly be some of these fish in BS. I haven't watched this particularly closely but, in my opinion, the early spring spawning in FS, and other wild rainbow streams, is very subtle and low key and not always very obvious.... so this may be occurring in BS too and folks just haven't noticed(?). However, the current bows in the creek can be seen, certainly the last few years, spawning in late August/Sept and their spawning is very noticeable with large, very obvious redds. These fall spawners in the FFO are thought to probably be producing the very large year classes of bows that have popped up in recent years.

This year, however, I didn't see as much rainbow spawning. Perhaps they are shifting the times they spawn(?).