

Quarterly Progress Report
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Bureau of Reclamation implemented Ecologically Based System Operations (EBSM) on the South Fork Snake River during winter 2003-2004. IDFG began biological monitoring of Yellowstone cutthroat trout during the same time period. This quarterly progress report summarizes activities conducted during the first quarter of 2006, which is the second quarter of this grant agreement.

Data collected during the previous field season (2005) were entered and analyzed this quarter. Major findings were published alongside other Upper Snake fisheries activities in a newsletter that was distributed to anglers, licensing vendors, legislators, and our partner agencies. The entire newsletter can be found at the following website link:

http://fishandgame.idaho.gov/cms/fish/reports/Upper_Snake_Annual_Fisheries_Newsletter.pdf

Field activities planned for the next two quarters (to the end of the grant agreement in September) include installing and operating the tributary fish weirs and screens, evaluating weir efficiency at Palisades Creek, tagging rainbow trout to estimate exploitation, and annual electrofishing for flow evaluation at the Conant and Lorenzo reaches. Reports and publications will also be completed.