2014 BRULE RIVER FALL FISHWAY UPDATE

Trout and salmon migration was monitored with digital video equipment from June 30 through November 25, 2014. 3,036 steelhead, 2,630 brown trout, and 1,247 coho salmon were counted, along with 71 Chinook salmon, two brook trout, nine pink salmon, and seven splake. 75% of all counted steelhead ranged from 20 to 25 inches long and 5% were nine to 15 inches. 66% of all coho salmon were 19 to 22 inches, and 84% of all brown trout were 18 to 24 inches. See the charts, below, to compare all previous counts to 2014.

The fall 2014 run timing (i.e., “periodicity”) of steelhead, brown trout, and coho salmon is shown in the chart, below. The peaks are generally consistent with previous years, except for brown trout, which peaked during the last week of August (one month later) for the second consecutive year.