



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Contact: Mark Cole, president, Friends of the Leadville National Fish Hatchery; 970-485-3867 or masjc1@aol.com

Leadville, CO 10/5/2019 – The Friends of the Leadville National Fish Hatchery is undertaking a project to replace the existing glass block windows in the Hatchery Building with modern double pane glass windows that will mimic the look of the original 1890 windows. This is the last step in restoring this historic building's exterior to its former glory. Over the past several years the roof, front porch, and front door have been refurbished to come as near as possible to their original appearance. The final step is to replace the glass block windows and doors. In the 1960's, the original windows and French entry doors leading from the front porch to the superintendent's offices were replaced with glass block. This not only cut down on the light reaching the interior of the building but also destroyed the buildings original appearance. This refurbishment will resolve these 2 issues, thus enhancing visitors' experiences to historic Leadville.

The project will replace 16 windows, 3 French doors (non-operational) and 4 sidelights. Several of the smaller windows in the rear of the building will remain glass block as they are behind mechanical equipment. We estimate that the project will cost \$95,000. The Friends currently have raised \$70,000. We need to raise an additional \$25,000 to fully fund this project. Phoenix Window Restoration has been selected to do the work.

Ed Stege, the hatchery project leader, has worked during his tenure to restore the exterior appearance of this historic working building. The building is currently in use to preserve the genetic diversity of Colorado's state fish, by housing and spawning Greenback cutthroat trout, once thought to be extinct. The Friends would very much like to complete the window project before Ed retires in a year and a half. The window replacement project will put the finishing touches on refurbishing the exterior of the hatchery building.

Please support the Friends and all the people and organizations that use the hatchery and its grounds with your generous contributions to the Friends Window Replacement Fund. Donations may be made to the Friends P.O. Box or electronically through our website:

Friends of the Leadville National Fish Hatchery
P.O. Box 1194
Leadville, CO 80462

<http://friendsoftheleadvillennialfishhatchery.org/>



Figure 1 Hatchery circa 1900



Figure 2 Closeup of original window detail.



Figure 3 Current glass block windows.



Figure 4 Hatchery building as it currently appears September 2019.

For additional information contact:

Mark Cole, President
Friends of the Leadville National Fish Hatchery
P. O. Box 1194
Leadville, CO 80461
970-485-3867
masjc1@aol.com

Website: <http://friendsoftheleadvillernationalfishhatchery.org/>

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfTheLeadvilleNationalFishHatchery/>

Email: flnfh15@gmail.com