



Raising Trout

The stocking process begins three years before the fish are delivered.



1. Evaluate river or lake



2. Obtain eggs



3. Release into the wild

Fish survival rates are high because biologists have carefully matched water chemistry, temperature, food, and habitat to each species needs.



UNDERWATER ALIENS



WHAT'S BITING?

The trout that most anglers enjoy catching here today are actually aliens to these waters. These brook trout, rainbow trout, and brown trout are native to the eastern U.S., Pacific Northwest, and Europe, respectively. The Platte River drainage, including Lake Owen, originally had very few native game fish.

After biologists carefully studied the lake in the 1940s, they began stocking trout with 10,000 two-inch brook trout fingerlings. Regular stocking of all three species continues today. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department rears the fish at one of ten hatcheries in the state.



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Brook Trout

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Brown Trout

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Rainbow Trout

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FAVORITE FOOD

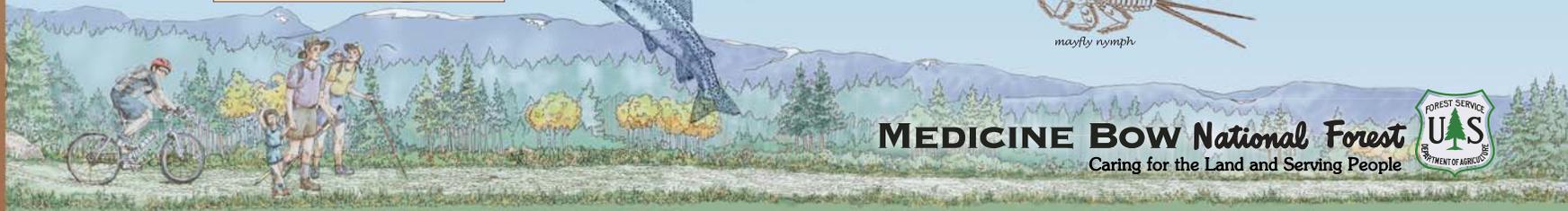
Mayflies are a favorite food of trout. When mayflies emerge as adults from the lake bottom and dry their wings before taking flight, trout eagerly gobble them up on or near the surface.



mayfly adult



mayfly nymph



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