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### **Colorado Town Stocks more than 9,000 Trout as part of Pagosa Quality Fishing Project** *Pagosa Springs a "Great Catch" for Summer Fishing and Travel*

PAGOSA SPRINGS, Colo. (June 12, 2008) – Pagosa Springs, Colo. announced it has begun the stocking of more than 9,000 Rainbow trout during summer 2008 as part of its Pagosa Quality Fishing Project. The stocking will enhance the already popular fishing destination for tourists and locals visiting the San Juan River.

Approximately two miles of the world-class fishery flows through downtown Pagosa Springs and the stockings stretch from the intersection of Hwy 84 and 160 through the Apache Street Bridge. The ponds located within River Center Park will also be stocked with trout. Fish between 12-24 inches, weighing up to six pounds will be stocked weekly through August 4, 2008.

"This is an incredible amount of fish for a short amount of stream – higher than what we (Colorado Division of Wildlife) would typically stock," said Jim White, aquatic biologist for the Colorado Division of Wildlife. "This very aggressive stocking plan of large trout to public waters will undoubtedly produce outstanding fishing through downtown Pagosa Springs."

"Fishing is just one of many wonderful attractions in Pagosa Springs, and now we're offering better fishing than ever before," said Thaddeus Cano, chairman coordinator of the Pagosa Quality Fishing Project. "This project will bring a lot of excitement to the community and to anglers across the country."

The Pagosa Quality Fishing project today launched [www.pagosaqualityfishingproject.com](http://www.pagosaqualityfishingproject.com), a Web site to help prospective travelers navigate the perfect getaway. The Web site includes the stocking schedule, angler survey forms and a downloadable map of fishing access points in Pagosa Springs. It also provides links to lodging facilities, fishing outfitters and other local attractions.

### **Pagosa Springs**

Nestled in Southwest Colorado at the base of the Continental Divide, Pagosa Springs is one of the state's undiscovered gems. With more than 300 days of sunshine, hot springs, spectacular fall colors, ancient archaeological areas, deep powder at nearby Wolf Creek Ski area, hunting and amazing wildlife, Pagosa Springs offers plenty of opportunities to soak up the scenery. Visit [www.visitpagosasprings.com](http://www.visitpagosasprings.com) for more information.

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