Big Thompson River

**Fishing Pier (Upper Canyon)**

- Stock: 645
- Mean: 7.09
- Min: 3.15
- Max: 11.97
- Species: Rainbow Trout

**Catch Inventory**

- Rainbow X Cutthroat: 26
- Rainbow Trout: 147
- Brown Trout: 141
- Mottled Sculpin: 3
- Longnose Dace: 8
- Longnose Sucker: 2

**Rainbow/Cutthroat Abundance**

- 2019: 2.32
- 2020: 2.32

**Note:** Fish length is measured from the upper lip to the tail fin. Trout less than 6 inches are not included in the population estimates and rainbow/cutthroat abundance is combined.

**Graph 2**

- Shows data from September 2013 to 2015.

**From Olympus Dam (east end) to Waltonia Bridge (west end):**

- **Regulations:** 4 trout per day, 2 per season
- **Required:** Fly or lure

**Limit of Access Points:**

- Closest access point is near Chuck's Place

**Hofer Strain Rainbow Trout**

- Known for its disease resistance

**Parking Area**

- Be prepared to park in the distance

**Sportfishing Notes**

- Terrestrials: beetles (#16), ants
- Dry flies: Hatchmasters (#18)
- Wing caddis (#16), dry flies

**Big Thompson River below Olympus Dam:**

- A famous trout river historically

- Rainbow and brown trout populations

- Emergency road construction

- Restoration project in 2018

- Whirling disease

- Rainbow trout population:
  - Post-flood: 147
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- Brown trout population:
  - Post-flood: 141
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- Fishing conditions:
  - Good to great year-round
  - June: Young of year brown trout
  - May: Young of year brown trout

- Fishing strategies:
  - Fly fishing
  - Streamer
  - Nymph
  - Dry flies

**Location:**

- From Loveland, follow Highway 34 west to the Big Thompson Canyon approximately 10 miles.

**Description:**

- A multistage channel design
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**To The South of**

- Over 10 years of planning and construction

- CPW’s hatchery section delivered

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