

# 2014 - 2015 BRULE RIVER STEELHEAD RUN

Fall 2014 Count	Spring 2015 Count*	Total Wild Steelhead Count
3036	1384	4420

\* 35 fin-clipped rainbow trout were also counted passing the fishway, likely from Minnesota DNR tributary stocking program

Steelhead migration was monitored with digital video equipment during fall and spring. **Chart A** shows run timing, or “periodicity.” The fall 2014 peak occurred during the second week of October (Week 42), which is typical for the river, and the spring 2015 peak occurred during mid-March after a relatively early “ice-out.” Spring run peaks often occur with fluctuating river flows and water temperatures. River conditions were relatively low and clear in the spring (peak flow around 250 cfs at the Ranger Station), which created good access and fishing conditions.

