

**Final Report
To
Arizona Sportsmen For Wildlife Conservation

\$1,775 Grant
to
8th Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference
April 27, 2017**

The 8th Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference was deemed to be another success with a record 138 registrations representing over 30 different conservation organizations, state and federal agencies.

The annual event has grown from 42 attendees in 2010 to over 100+ in the past several years representing a variety of conservation organizations, state and federal agencies.

This year Chris Wood, CEO of Trout Unlimited, was the keynote speaker. Fourteen presentations from various conservation organizations and governmental agencies addressed topics such as the protection of wildlife from the challenges of climate change and forest fires, stream monitoring programs, native and wild trout restorations and collaborations with the Trout Unlimited Southwest Native Trout Strategy (see attached agenda).

Two conservation awards were instituted in 2014 to honor an organization (Apache Award) and an individual (Gila Trout) *"for their dedication to the conservation, protection and restoration of native and wild trout"* continued with much sentiment.

The 2017 Apache Trout Award was presented to the White Mountain Lakes Foundation (www.wmlf.org). The Foundation is dedicated to improving the White Mountain fisheries through grassroots conservation, restoration and protection efforts.

Gila Trout Awards were presented to Jim Brooks and Dave Probst. Both individuals were recognized for their many years of work with the Gila trout recovery programs in Arizona and New Mexico including the public education and protection of the Gila trout through partnerships with numerous conservation organizations, state and federal agencies.

The agenda and presentations for the annual conferences are available to the public for viewing at the Arizona Council of Trout Unlimited website at www.az-tu.com.



**8th Annual Native Trout Conference Attendees
April 27, 2017**

The \$1,775 grant from AZSFWC/WCC was directed to sharing costs for providing awards, food, water, soda, easel displays, and paper products for the event. Acknowledgement of the AZSFWC grant was made throughout the event, on the agenda, on a *Thank You Funding Supporters* slide shown throughout the presentation and flyers displayed on the registration website and at the food and conference registration tables (see attachments).

Major expenses incurred for the conference were:

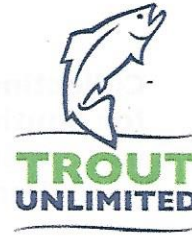
\$ 812	Pre-conference dinner (AZGFD leaders, speakers, TU leaders)
825	Conference lunch: food, water, soda, paper products
1,070	Conference dinner/BBQ: food, water, soda, paper products
178	Awards
160	Lodging
<u>582</u>	Printing & signage
\$3,627	Total

The Arizona Council and four Arizona chapters thank you for your continued support in presenting this annual conference.

Any questions regarding the event or this report can be directed to:

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8th Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference
April 27, 2017
9:00a.m. - 4:30p.m.

- 9:00a.m. Welcome from the Arizona Game and Fish Department**
Ty Gray - Deputy Director AGFD
- 9:15a.m. Keynote Address: "Recovering Native Trout in Uncertain Political Times"**
Chris Wood - TU President & CEO
- 9:45a.m. TU Southwest Native Trout Strategy**
Brad Powell - TU Southwest Region Director
- 10:05a.m. Western Native Trout Initiative**
Julie Carter - WNTI Steering Committee Chair
- 10:25a.m. Break**
- 10:40a.m. A Survival Guide to an Accelerating Future in Southwestern Trout Management**
Dr. Scott Bonar - University of Arizona
- 11:10a.m. Lees Ferry Fishery Management Plan**
John Jordan - Arizona TU
- 11:15a.m. Brown Trout at Lees Ferry: Crisis or Red Herring?**
Dave Rogowski - AGFD
- 11:35a.m. Distinguished Service for Conservation Awards**
John Jordan & Gary Stinson - Trout Unlimited
- 11:50a.m. Group Photo**
- 12:00p.m. Lunch**

1:15p.m. Collecting, Displaying and Modeling Stream Temperature Data for Southwest Trout

Jack Williams – TU Senior Scientist

Dan J. Isaak – US Forest Service *

1:45p.m. Four Forest Restoration Initiative (FRI)

Stephanie Coleman – US Forest Service

Annette Fredette – US Forest Service

2:05p.m. Competing for Attention and Dollars: Why Beauty Can't Buy Happiness for Native Trout Recovery

Jack Williams – TU Senior Scientist

2:35p.m. BREAK

2:50p.m. Native Trout Recovery Programs in Arizona

Status / Projects on Gila trout in Arizona

Julie Carter – AGFD

Status / Projects on Apache trout in Arizona

Bryan Giordano – AGFD

3:30p.m. Apache Trout – Overview of the Apache Trout Monitoring Plan

Dan Dauwalter – TU

3:50p.m. Native Trout Production at Arizona's State Hatcheries

Geoffrey Rabinovich - AGFD

4:05p.m. Closing Comments

4:15p.m. Adjourn

* Video conference



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Topics

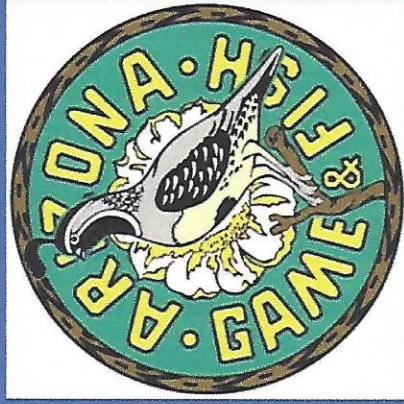
- Keynote Speaker: *"Recovering Native Trout in Uncertain Political Times"*
Chris Wood, President & CEO, Trout Unlimited
- Trout Unlimited Southwest Native Trout Strategy and Projects
- Challenges with Native Trout Conservation in the Southwest
- Western Native Trout Initiative (WNTI) Programs
- Glen Canyon Dam / Lees Ferry: Fisheries Management Plan
- Survival Guide for Southwestern Trout Management
- Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI)
- Collecting, Displaying and Modeling Stream Temperature Data
- Native and Wild Trout Recovery Programs in the Southwest
- Competing for Attention and Dollars: Why Beauty Can't Buy Happiness for Native Trout Recovery
- Challenges Faced by Hatcheries in the Southwest
- Conservation Awards for Distinguished Service

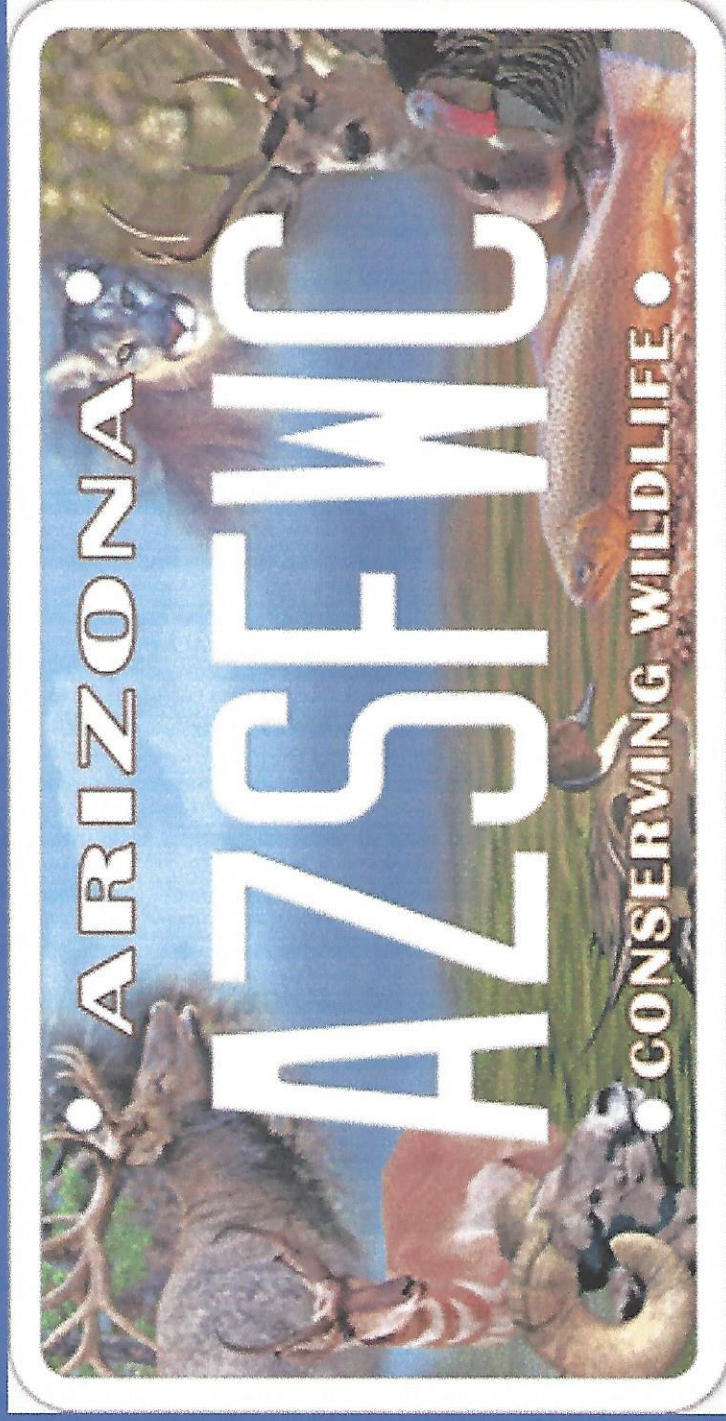
Lunch and BBQ following the conference will be hosted by AZ Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation, AZ Flycasters and AZ TU Council.

Registration and information on prior year conferences at www.az-tu.com.

Registration closes April 22, 2017

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