

**Final Report
To
AZSFWC/WCC Committee**

**\$1,760 Grant
to
6th Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference
April 23, 2015**

The 6th Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference was deemed to be another success with 102 registrations representing over 30 different conservation organizations, state and federal agencies.

The conference was opened by keynote speaker Kurt Davis, AZGFD Commission Chair, who gave an enthusiastic message of wild and native trout restoration and protection work. The conference also included awards for distinguished service in the conservation of native and wild trout.

The annual event has grown from 42 attendees in 2010 to over 100+ in the past several years representing over 35 conservation organizations, state and federal agencies. This year twelve presentations from various conservation organizations and governmental agencies address the protection of wildlife from the challenges of climate change and forest fires and the collaborations with the TU Southwest Native Trout Initiative.

The two conservation awards were instituted in 2014 to honor an organization and an individual *“for their dedication to the conservation, protection and restoration of native and wild trout”* continued. The 2015 Apache Trout Award was presented to New Mexico Department of Game and Fish for their Costilla Creek Rio Grande Cutthroat Restoration Project. The 2015 Gila Trout Award was presented to Jennifer Johnson and Jeremy Voeltz, US Fish and Wildlife Department in Pinetop, Arizona, for their long time commitment and work on leading native and wild trout restoration projects.

The agenda and presentations are available to the public and can be viewed on the Trout Unlimited Arizona Council website at www.az-tu.org.



*6th Annual Native Trout Conference Attendees
April 23, 2015*

The \$1,760 grant from AZSFWC/WCC was directed to 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).

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

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6th Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference
April 23, 2015
9:00a.m. – 4:30p.m.

Arizona Game and Fish Department Headquarters
5000 W. Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ

Sponsored by AZGFD and AZ TU State Council

The conference is attended by those interested to meet, network, and develop future plans to promote restoration and management of native and wild coldwater fish species in Arizona and New Mexico. Over 100 individuals will be attending the conference and will represent more than 35 agencies and organizations involved in water conservation and management, trout recovery and habitat enhancement.

Topics

- Welcome by AZGFD Commissioner Kurt Davis
- Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI) Plan
- Northern Arizona Forest Foundation & Salt River Project:
Investing in the Restoration of Arizona Forest and Watersheds
- Trout Unlimited Southwest Native Trout Initiative
- Southwest Stream Temperature Network
- Wild Trout Management
- Status on Various AZ and NM Native and Wild Trout Programs
- Lees Ferry Comprehensive Fish Management Plan
- Conservation Awards for Distinguished Service

Lunch will be hosted by AZ Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation and AZ TU Council.

Register by April 20, 2015
at www.az-tu.org



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Arizona Trout Unlimited State Council**

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions**
Mike Anderson - AZGFD
- 9:05 a.m. Welcome from the Arizona Game and Fish Department**
Kurt Davis - Commissioner
- 9:20 a.m. Four Forest Restoration Initiative (4FRI)**
Dick Fleishman - US Forest Service
- 9:40 a.m. Northern Arizona Forest Fund & Salt River Project:
Investing in the Restoration of Arizona Forests and Watersheds**
Rebecca Davidson & Ron Klawitter - Salt River Project
- 10:00 a.m. BREAK**
- 10:15 a.m. AZGFD Region 1 (White Mountains) Fish Programs**
Antonio Lopez - AZGFD
- 10:35 a.m. AZGFD Region 2 (Northern Arizona): Lees Ferry Fishery**
Chris Cantrell - AZGFD, John Hamill - TRCP
- 10:55 a.m. AZGFD Region 6 (Mogollon Rim) Fish Programs**
Jake Jaeger - AZGFD
- 11:15 a.m. Distinguished Service for Conservation Awards**
John Jordan and Gary Stinson - Trout Unlimited
- 11:45 a.m. Group Photo**
- Noon Lunch** (hosted by AZSFWC & AZTU)

- 1:15 p.m. Trout Unlimited Southwest Native Trout Initiative**
Jack Williams and Brad Powell - Trout Unlimited
- 1:45 p.m. Southwest Stream Temperature Network**
Mike Anderson - AZGFD
Joe Miller - AZ Trout Unlimited
Jack Williams - Trout Unlimited
- 2:05 p.m. Apache Trout – Arizona Trout Initiatives/Programs**
Jeremy Voeltz - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
- 2:25 p.m. Gila Trout and Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout- New Mexico Initiatives/Programs**
Jill Wick - NM Game & Fish
- 2:55 p.m. Break**
- 3:10 p.m. Arizona Game and Fish-Native Trout Program**
Mike Anderson - AZGFD
- 3:30 p.m. Integration of Southwest Native Trout Initiative into AZ/NM Programs**
Panel: Brad Powell - Trout Unlimited (Facilitator)
Mike Anderson - AZGFD
Yvette Paroz - USFS
Jack Williams - Trout Unlimited
Jill Wick - NM Game & Fish
Therese Thompson - Western Native Trout Initiative
Jeremy Voeltz - USFWS
- 4:25 p.m. Closing remarks and feedback for 2016 conference**
Mike Anderson - AZGFD
- 4:30 p.m. Meeting concludes**
- 5:00 p.m. BBQ Dinner** (Registration Required)



**6th Annual
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Conference**

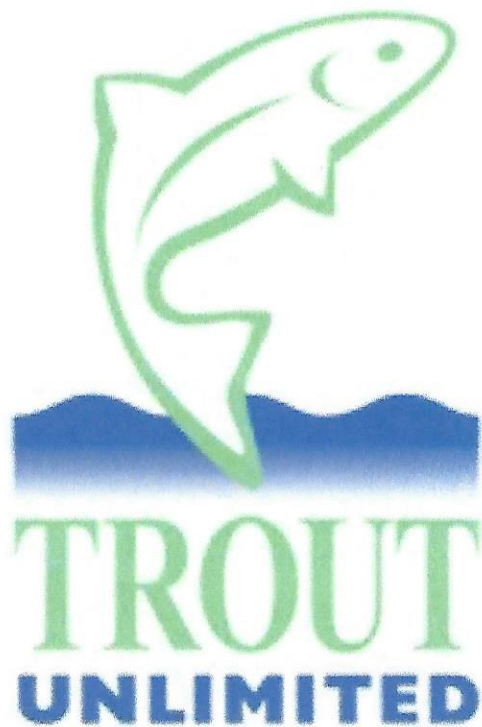
Apache Trout Distinguished Service Award

**New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
Costilla Creek Rio Grande Cutthroat Restoration Project**

Gila Trout Distinguished Service Award

**Jennifer Johnson
Jeremy Voeltz**

LUNCH HOSTS



BBQ HOSTS

