

22350-2009-099 West Fork Oak Creek Barrier, Climate studies and Gila Trout restoration

State(s): Arizona

Managing Agency/Organization: Arizona Game and Fish Department

Type of Organization: State Government

Project Status: Funds Reassigned

Project type: WNTI Project

Project action(s): Watershed, In-stream and riparian habitat, Genetic diversity

Trout species benefitted: Gila Trout

Population: Gila trout

The West Fork of Oak Creek Project has been indefinitely postponed because the project is no longer critical to the recovery of Gila trout.

The funds allocated to this project have been re-assigned to the Haigler Creek - Tonto National Forest Gila Trout Recovery project. (See 2012 project list)

This proposal requests funds to construct a fish barrier to protect a recovery population of Gila trout (to be stocked once project is complete) and prevent the upstream movement of non-native trout into Gila trout habitat. The measurement of success will be the completion of the fish barrier.

It also includes habitat occupation studies and population studies to help define the restoration of Gila trout in Oak Creek.

Objectives:

- Install a fish barrier
- Protect and enhance the status of Gila trout

Partners:

- Federation of Fly Fishers, TU, NFWF, USFS, USBOR

Measures:

- Completion of barrier

Funding Source(s):

- National Fish Habitat Action Plan

Project cost: \$384,000.00

Start Date: 04/01/2010 **Completion Date:** Funds Reassigned

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