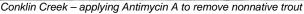
# Western Native Trout Initiative Conklin Creek and Stinky Creek renovation project briefing







## Background

- Project funded in 2007 as part of National Fish Habitat Action Plan's Western Native Trout Initiative (FWS received \$150,000)
- Apache trout may be the first fish removed from the Threatened and Endangered Species list due to recovery. Completion of these projects brings Apache trout closer to recovery

#### Purpose

• Assist in the recovery of the threatened Apache trout by removing nonnative trout from 2 streams (8 miles total) and reestablishing pure Apache trout.

#### Cooperators

- Arizona Game and Fish Department
- Trout Unlimited
- U.S. Forest Service

## **Project Status**

- Conklin Creek
  - Nonnative brown trout and hybrid Apache-rainbow trout were removed from 6.5 miles of Conklin Creek in June 2007
  - o Will be stocked with pure Apache trout in summer 2008
- Stinky Creek
  - Apache trout and speckled dace were salvaged from Stinky Creek
  - o Nonnative brown trout were removed from 2.5 miles of Stinky Creek in July 2007
  - o Apache trout and speckled dace were restocked

### **Budget Status**

- \$105,000 transferred to Arizona Game and Fish Department
  - Pay for labor/travel
  - Pay for chemical (Antimycin A)
  - Pay for equipment (bucket setups, sprayers, safety gear)
  - \$45 retained by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
    - o Pay for labor/travel
    - Pay for labor to transport Apache trout to the streams (to occur in summer 2008)