



Apache and Gila Trout Conservation Awards at the Annual Native and Wild Trout Conferences

The Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Trout Unlimited Arizona Council are proud to recognize the achievements of individuals and organizations that have made exceptional contributions to the conservation, protection and restoration of native and wild trout and their habitat in the southwest. Their efforts, whether through expertise, advocacy or education, inspire and encourage others to help protect nature for the enjoyment of all.

Apache Trout Award

The award is given to recognize an organization for its support of a wide range of efforts to protect and restore some of our great natural treasures – native and wild trout. These organizations have made long-term contributions to the conservation of these vital resources.

Gila Trout Award

The award is given to recognize an individual who has shown remarkable leadership and commitment to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on water, trout, other wildlife and their habitats.

Recipients:

2022 Apache Trout: New Mexico Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited & Mesilla Valley Flyfishers
Gila Trout: Joe Miller (Trout Unlimited)

2021 Apache Trout: Arizona Game and Fish Department – Canyon Creek Hatchery
Gila Trout: Scott Murphy (City of Montrose) & Dr. Thomas Turner (University of NM)

2019 Apache Trout: Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest
Gila Trout: Julie Meka Carter (AZGFD) & Jill Wick (NM Game & Fish Department)

2018 Apache Trout: Mora National Fish Hatchery
Gila Trout: Yvette Paroz (USFS) & Jack Williams (Trout Unlimited)

2017 Apache Trout: White Mountain Lakes Foundation
Gila Trout: Jim Brooks (USFW) & Dave Probst (NM Game & Fish Department)

2016 Apache Trout: Southwest Tribal Fisheries Commission
Gila Trout: Kelly Meyer (AZGFD) & Kevin Terry (Trout Unlimited)

2015 Apache Trout: New Mexico Game & Fish Department
Gila Trout: Jennifer Johnson & Jeremy Voeltz (US Fish & Wildlife Service)

2014 Apache Trout: White Mountain Apache Tribe Game & Fish
Gila Trout: Dr. Robert Behnke (Colorado State University)