



14th Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference
April 6, 2023; 9a.m. - 4p.m.
AGENDA

- 9:00am **Welcome – AZGFD**
Ty Gray, Director
Clay Crowder, Assistant Director of Wildlife Management Division
Julie Carter, Aquatic Wildlife Branch Chief
- 9:20am **Welcome – Trout Unlimited**
Chris Wood, CEO Trout Unlimited
- 9:30am **Apache Trout Recovery in Arizona**
Ryan Follmuth – AZGFD Region 1 Aquatic Wildlife Program Manager
◦ Population monitoring
◦ Barrier projects
◦ Recovery plans
Kristy Manuell – USFWS Apache trout biologist
◦ Population monitoring
◦ Barrier projects
◦ Recovery plans
- 10:00am **Case Study of an Apache Trout Stream - After the Wallow Fire**
Zach Beard – AZGFD Native Trout and Chub Coordinator
◦ Population monitoring
◦ Recovery plans
- Break**
- 10:35am **Gila Trout Recovery in Arizona**
Zach Beard – AZGFD Native Trout and Chub Coordinator
- 10:55am **Fate of the Stocked Gila Trout**
Alex Loubere – AZGFD Sport Fisheries Biologist
◦ Telemetry study & life expectancy results
- 11:10am **Gila Trout Challenges & Recovery in New Mexico**
Matt Zeigler – NMDGF Colorado River Basin Native Fish Supervisor
◦ Hybridization
◦ Removal of non-natives
- 11:30am **Group Photo / Lunch at Pavillion at Clay Target Range**

- 1:00pm **Gila and Apache Trout Awards Presentations**
Julie Carter – AZGFD
Alan Davis – Arizona TU Council
- 1:15pm **Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout Recovery in New Mexico**
Bryan Ferguson – NMDGF Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout Biologist
- Removal of non-natives
 - Supply chain (hatcheries)
 - Hybridization
 - Habitat conservation
- 1:25pm **AZGFD Cold Water Strategic Vision**
Julie Carter - AZGFD
- 1:55pm **Trout Unlimited: Black River - Bureau of Reclamation Grant**
Dr. Caroline Nash – Blue Shift
- 2:10pm **East Verde River**
Amberle Jones- AZGFD Aquatic Wildlife Program Manager
- Break**
- 2:45pm **Legislation Affecting Conservation**
Michael Cravens – Arizona Wildlife Federation
Nate Rees – Trout Unlimited
- Uranium mining / Grand Canyon protection video
 - Recovering America’s Wildlife Act (RAWA)
 - Public Lands
 - Waters of the United States (WOTUS)
- 3:05pm **Lees Ferry Trout Fishery – Present & Future**
Scott Rogers – AZGFD Aquatic Wildlife Program Manager, Region II
- 3:20pm **Lees Ferry - Emerging Water Quality Concerns**
Dr. Charles Yackulic - Glen Canyon Monitoring and Research Center
- 3:35pm **Lees Ferry - Brown Trout Incentivized Harvest Program**
Jeff Arnold – National Park Service
- 3:50 pm **Arizona Trout Challenge / Interactive Challenge Map**
Emily Keister – AZGFD Native Trout and Chub Specialist
- 4:00pm **Closing Comments**