



16th Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference
April 17th, 2025; 8:30am – 3pm
AGENDA

- 8:30am **Welcome – AZGFD**
Tom Finley – AZGFD, Director
Zach Beard – AZGFD, Native Aquatic Program Manager
- 8:40am **Welcome – Trout Unlimited**
Chris Wood – CEO of Trout Unlimited
- 8:50am **Apache Trout Delisting, Post-Delisting Monitoring, and Look Ahead**
Zac Jackson - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office Project Coordinator
- 9:10am **Proper Gear Decon and Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)**
Kate Dukette – AZGFD, Aquatic Invasive Species Program Manager
- 9:30am **Gila Trout Movement and Survival in an Arizona Stream**
Alex Loubere – AZGFD, Native Trout and Chub Coordinator
- 9:50am **Trout at Lee's Ferry**
Dave Rogowski – AZGFD, Wildlife Specialist Regional Supervisor
- Break**
- 10:25am **What's in Arizona Waters?**
Jade Dickens – AZGFD, Water Quality Program Manager

- 10:45am **Horton Creek Fire Effect**
Kelly Mott Iacroy – Tonto National Forest, Forest Hydrologist,
Watershed Program Manager, and Burned Area Emergency Response
- 11:05am **Dude Creek, Chase Creek and Thompson Meadow Restoration**
Nate Rees – Trout Unlimited, Arizona State Lead
Alec Young – Trout Unlimited, Engagement Manager
- 11:25pm **Overview of Apache Trout Research at the University of Arizona & Management Implications**
Scott A. Bonar – Professor & Unit Leader, Arizona Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit & Past President, American Fisheries Society
- 11:45am **Group Photo / Lunch at Ben Avery Clay Target Pavilion**
- 1:20pm **Gila and Apache Trout Awards Presentations**
Zach Beard – AZGFD, Native Aquatics Program Manager
Alan Davis – Arizona Council of TU
- 1:30am **Dynamics of Trophy Brown Trout & Stunted Yellow Perch in an Arizona Mountain Reservoir**
Chuck Mordhorst – AZGFD, Region 1 Streams Specialist
- 1:50pm **Trout Challenge: Tactics for Successful Trips**
Alex Loubere – AZGFD, Native Trout and Chub Coordinator
- 2:20pm **Fishing Recruitment, Retention & Reactivation Efforts / Trout in the Classroom**
Doug/ Chase/ Alec – AZGFD/Trout Unlimited
- 2:40pm **Gila Trout in Dude Creek**
Emily Keister – AZGFD, Native Trout and Chub Specialist
- 3:00pm **Closing Comments**