



AZGFD Region 1 Trout Waters

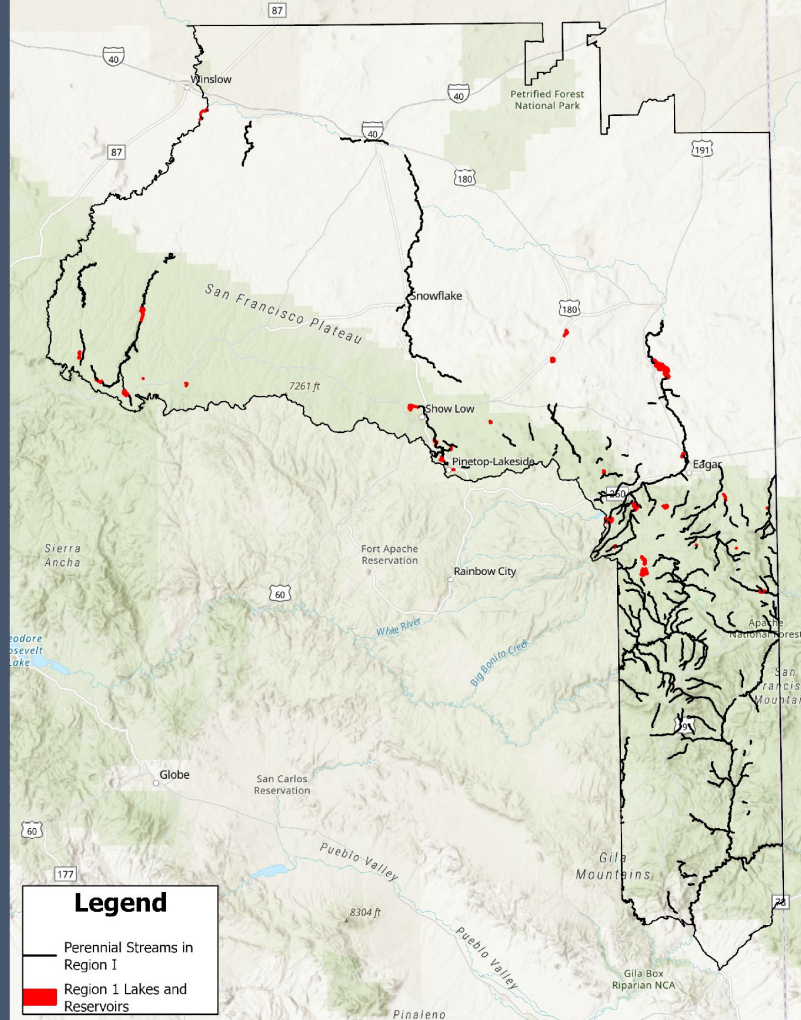
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Overview



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Streams and Reservoirs Managed by the Department in Region



- Eastern Arizona
- Landownership varied
- Elevations Range 4,000 – 10,000 ft
- Snowfall up to 260 inches per year
- Monsoon Season Late June to Mid September.
- As many as 33 Lakes
- As many as 65 streams Managed for Trout
- Fisheries Management Mix of Non-Native Sportfish, Native-Sportfish, and Native

Apache Trout



Arizona Trout Challenge

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The Challenge

Apache Trout

Gila Trout

Brown Trout

Brook Trout

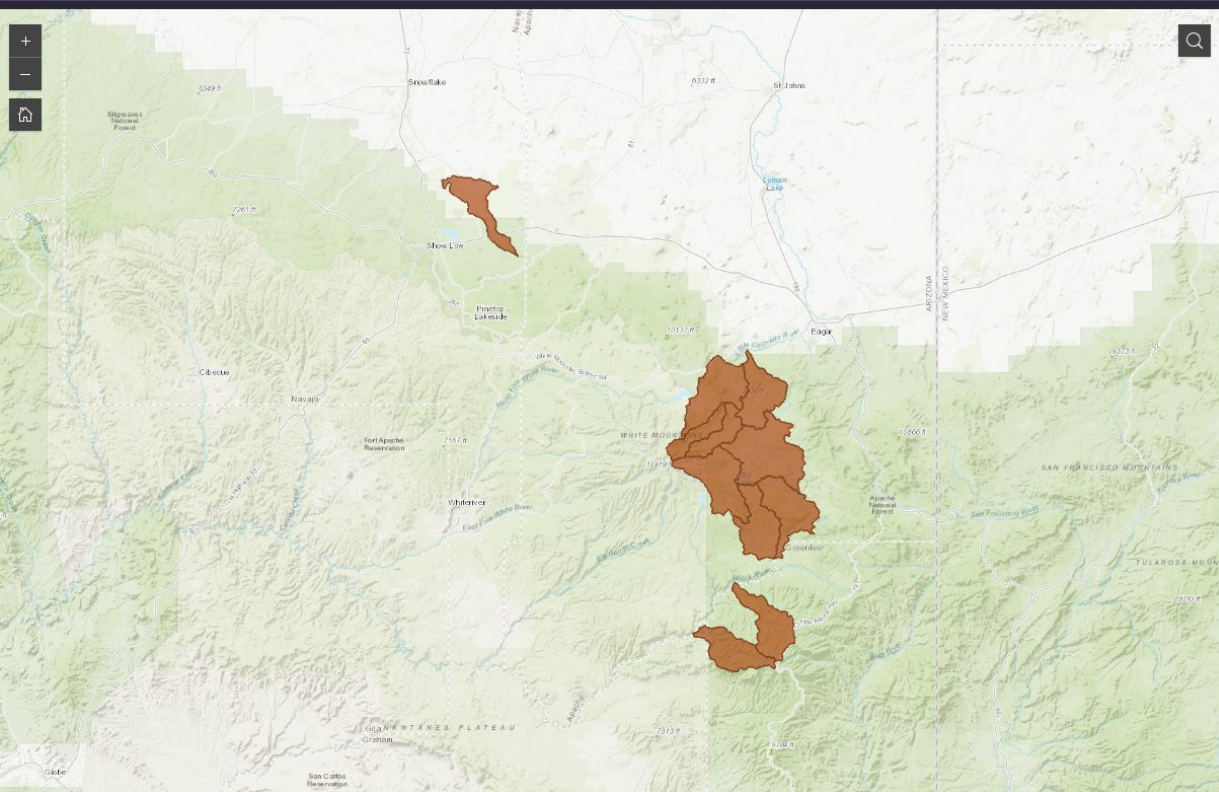
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Cutthroat Trout

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Apache Trout are Arizona's state fish and found only in Arizona. Read the [story](#) of the amazing success in recovering this unique species, then explore the map to see where to catch Apache Trout. More info and fishing tips below!



Apache Trout



- 5 Locations for Wild Trout Challenge
- 10 Locations for Trout Challenge
- My Favorite: Bear Wallow Creek
 - Largest Fishable Population Size/Multiple Size Classes
 - Largest Sized Wild Apache Trout
 - Remote Location
 - Area to Focus – Upper Mainstem Bear Wallow
 - Angling Methods – Most Any (Special Regulations), particularly

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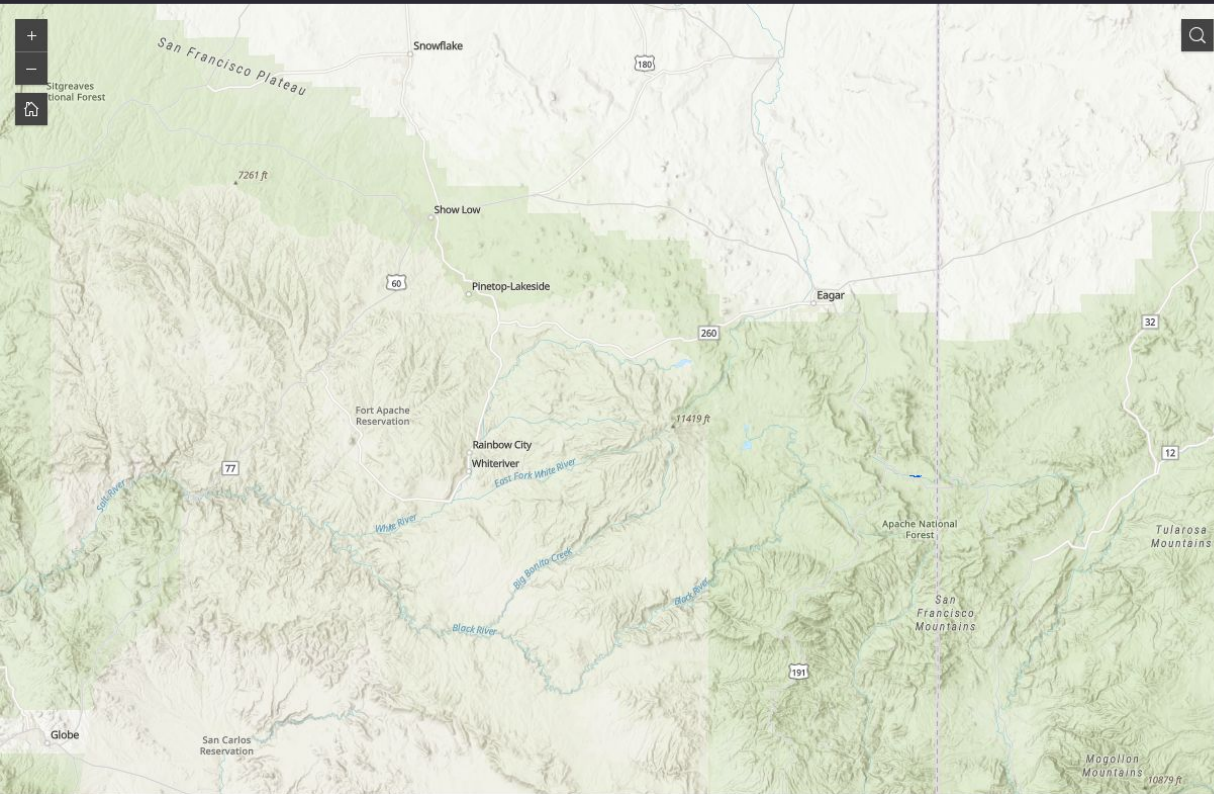
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Arizona Game and Fish, in cooperation with New Mexico Game and Fish, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service are working to restore **Gila Trout** in the historical range of the species. In Arizona, this includes tributaries to the Blue, Gila, Verde, and Agua Fria rivers, and Tonto Creek.



In the 1990's and early 2000's conservation efforts in New Mexico and Arizona led to the species status improving from endangered to threatened under the

Gila Trout



- 0 Locations for Wild Trout Challenge (Yet)
- 1 Location for Trout Challenge
- My Favorite: Luna Lake
 - Near Alpine, Arizona
 - Very Accessible
 - 7,015 Super and Catchable Sized Stocked since November
 - Growing well
 - Fishing Reports Good

Brown Trout



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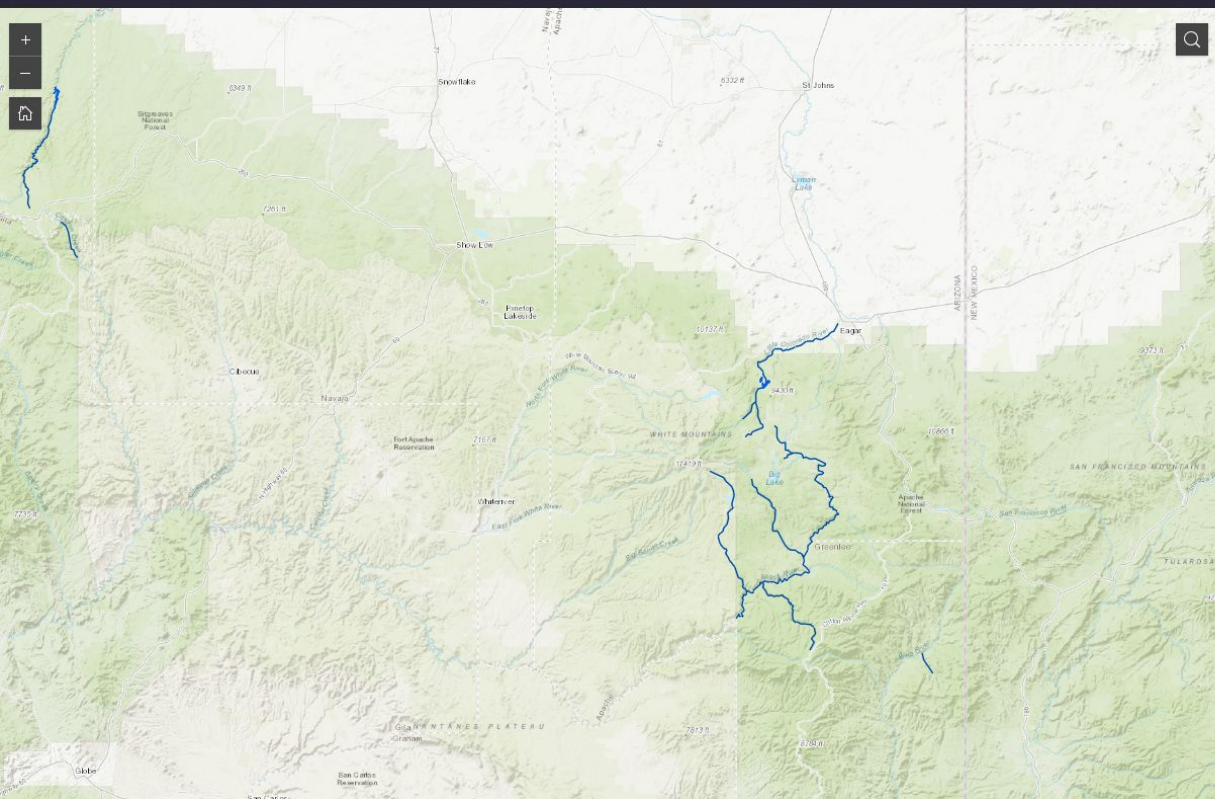
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Brown Trout are native to Europe and were widely stocked in the United States starting in the 1880's, including Arizona since at least the 1930s. Here's a video of brown trout spawning in Canyon Creek.



Several stream habitat restoration projects have recently been completed to improve habitat conditions for naturally reproducing populations along the Mogollon Rim. In addition, catch and release or restricted harvest regulations have been implemented on several streams to improve fishing.

Brown Trout



- 18 Locations for Wild Trout Challenge
- My Favorite: East Fork Black River Watershed
 - Both Remote and Accessible
 - Area to focus – Campground section for accessible/Three Forks Area for Hiking
 - Relatively Abundant Population/Multiple Size Classes
 - Potential for Large Fish (>18 inches)
 - Variety of Techniques Work, but

Brook Trout



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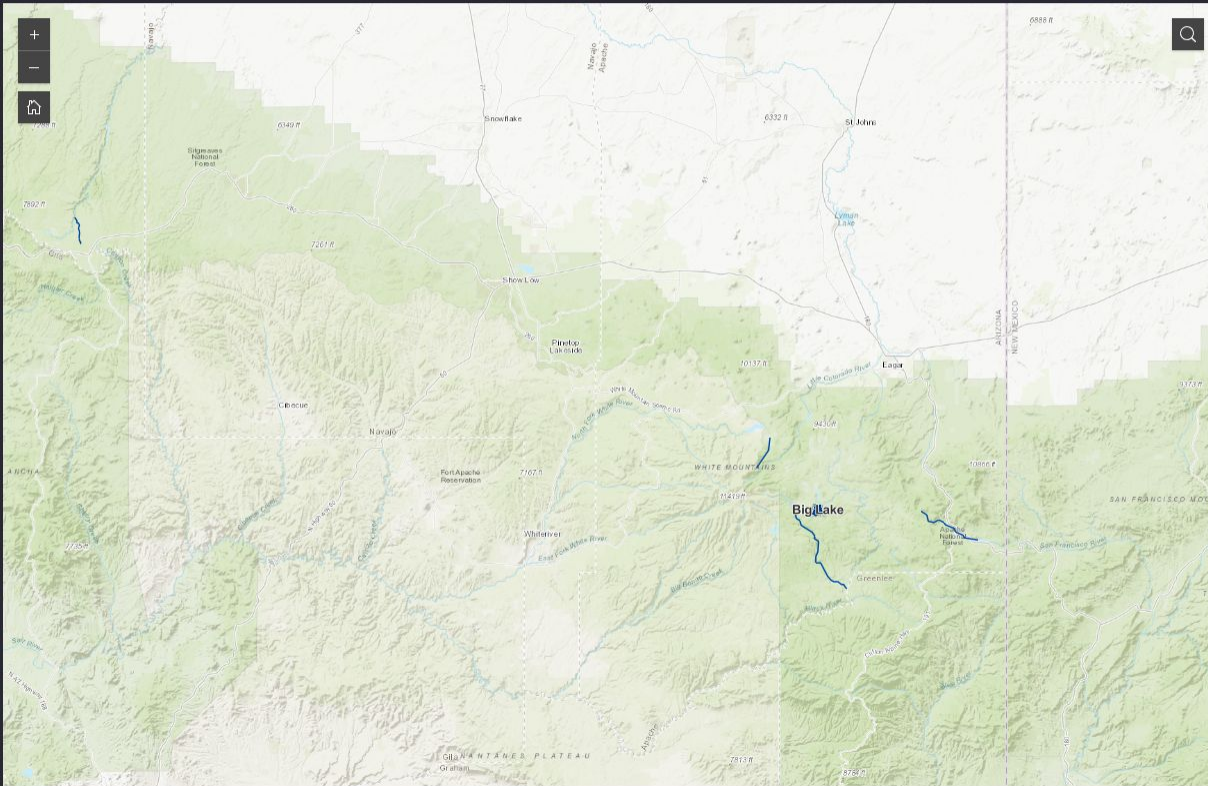
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Brook Trout are native to North America, and were introduced in Arizona in 1903.



**Brook Trout above identified at Willow Springs Creek.*

Brook Trout are native to North America, and were introduced in Arizona in 1903. Their native range includes eastern Canada, the Great Lakes region, and the Appalachian Mountains. In Arizona, Brook Trout are

Brook Trout



- 4 Locations for Wild Trout Challenge
- My Favorite: Willow Springs Creek
 - Great place to get away from the crowds at Willow Springs Lake
 - Area to Focus - from 1/3 mile below dam to 1 ½ miles downstream from dam
 - Fish up to 13 inches in last survey, but most small
 - Angling Methods – Most Any, particularly Dry and Dropper

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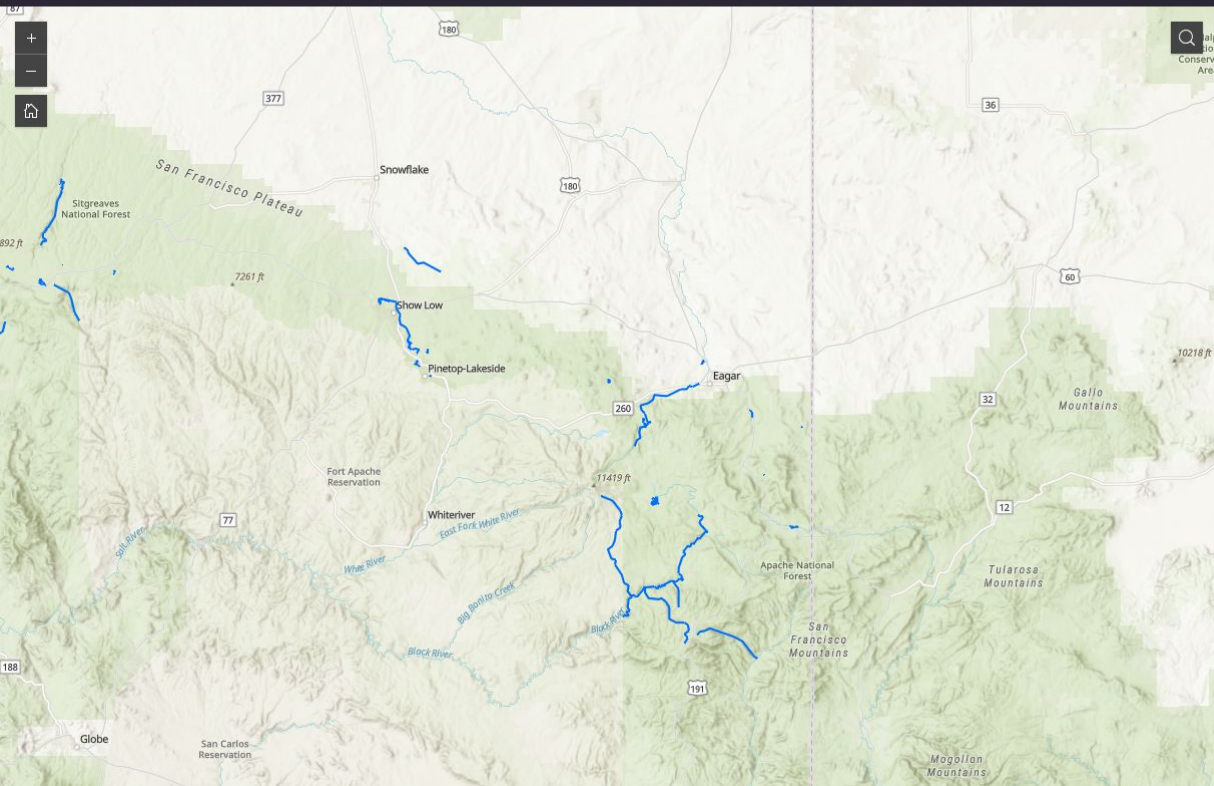
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Native to North America, **Rainbow Trout** have been introduced to waters across the world, including every continent except Antarctica. Scroll down to learn more.



Rainbow Trout are native to North America, with their historic range including Pacific Ocean tributaries ranging from Northern Mexico to Alaska.

Rainbow Trout



- 5 Locations for Wild Trout Challenge
- My Favorite: Grant Creek
 - Technically Rainbow Trout/
Apache Trout hybrids
 - Remote, decent hike from top or
bottom
 - Area to focus - Slot Canyon
Section and Headwaters both
 - Lots of Fish
 - Tend to be Naïve
 - Angling Methods – Most Any,

Bonus: Wild Tiger Trout



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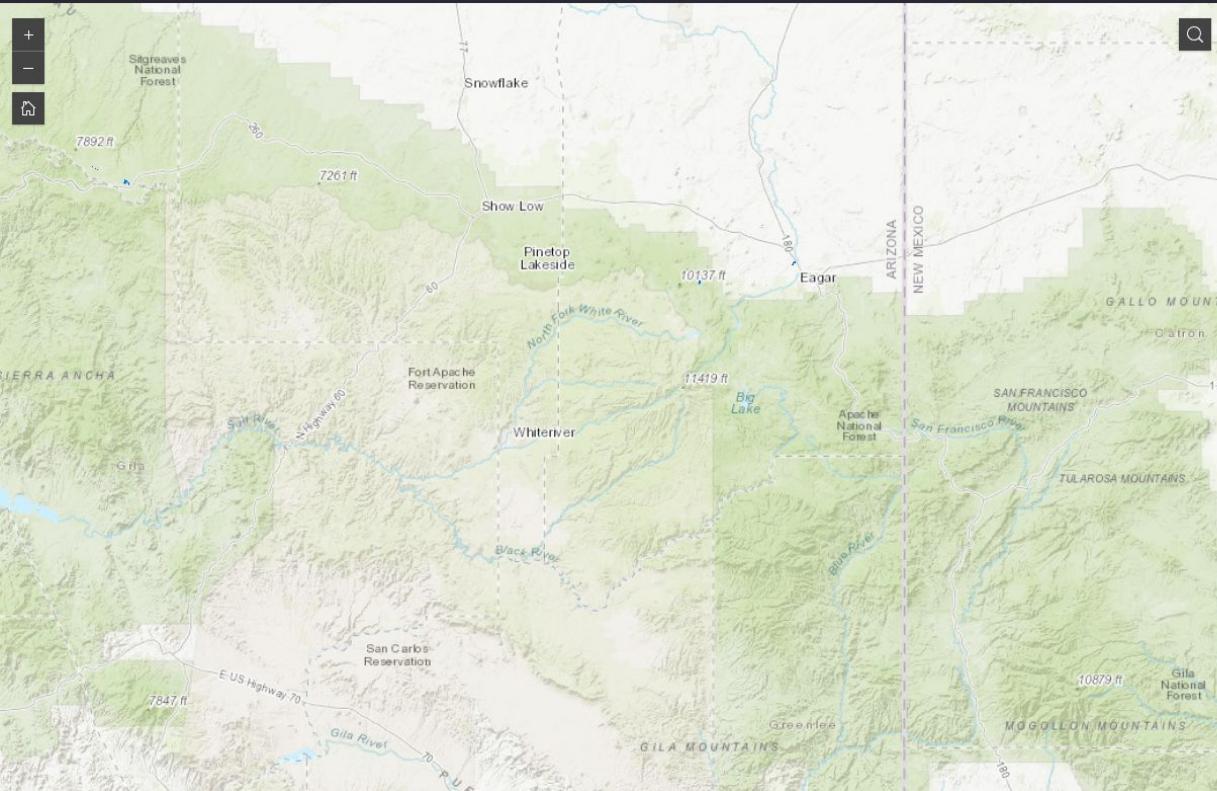
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In 2016 the Arizona Game and Fish Department stocked **Tiger Trout** for the first time in several lakes along the Mogollon Rim and in the White Mountains. Here's how they look in the water:



Tiger Trout are sterile hybrids between Brown and Brook trout. Some of the first known records of this hybrid were noted in 1944. In some instances where populations of Brown and Brook trout occur in the same stream, Tiger Trout can be produced naturally, when a male Brook trout spawns with a female Brown trout. However, the majority

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- 1 Primarily Location for Wild Trout Challenge, Potentially Another
- Anglers Do Catch Them Each Year,

Questions or Comments?

