



Arizona Council of Trout Unlimited

2014 Annual Activities and Accomplishments Report

“So what’ve we done for the fish lately?”

1. Developed “Native and Wild Trout Management Position” (NWTMP), now a model for several other states, and a real “One TU” effort, with inputs from Individuals, chapters, Council, TU Staff, and collaborative groups.
2. Developed Summary version of that NWTMP for ease of presentation and discussion with collaborating organizations and groups.
3. Partnered with Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) to conduct 5th Annual Native and Wild Trout Conference (NWTC) – Very successful, > 100 attendees from multiple states and agencies, with several National Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs), and TU CEO Chris Woods as Keynote Speaker.



2014 Native and Wild Trout Conference

4. With over 1,700 members from all four of the state’s TU Chapters, provided 9,623 hours of volunteer effort on TU’s Protect, Restore, Reconnect, Sustain efforts in Fiscal 2014 with a dollarized value of \$213,000, capping a 5 year total of 35,222 hours with a dollarized value of \$775,000.
5. Joined the Four Forests Restoration Initiative Stakeholders Group (4FRI), became active participants. 4FRI is really TU’s *Protect, Restore, Reconnect, Sustain (PRRS)* on a major scale. The 4FRI, the largest Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) ever, addresses some 2.X million Arizona acres in just phase I, and is part of the Comprehensive Forest Landscape Restoration (CFLR) national program.

6. Initiated dialogs with 4FRI Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLR) Multi Party Monitoring Board to identify and plan synergies for Stream Temp Monitoring efforts as part of forest restoration monitoring efforts, especially for upcoming 4FRI Phase II EIS on the Tonto & Apache- Sitgreaves National Forests, preparing way for helping develop Southwest Stream Temp Monitoring Network in the “Wetter” part of the state.
7. The Zane Grey Chapter initiated several stream projects with the Salt River Project (SRP), a key and conservation oriented Arizona Water Management Provider.
8. Collaborated with The Audubon Society sponsored Western Rivers Action Network (WRAN) in Arizona Legislative Day and numerous meetings with elected officials throughout the year with our Wildlife Resource Partners.
9. Became an active sponsor of Recreational Fishing representation on the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Plan Work Group (AMWG) and Technical Work group (TWG), actively participated in those meetings and in preparation for the Long Term Experimentation and Management Plan EIS now being developed for operation of Glen Canyon Dam.



Lees Ferry and Fisherman

10. Sponsored members’ provision of voluntary technical consulting analysis for AZGFD to support development of a Lees Ferry Rainbow Trout Management Plan to complement existing Comprehensive Fisheries Management Plan (CFMP) for Colorado River in Glen Canyon, Marble Canyon & Grand Canyon National Park.
11. Initiated Stream Temperature monitoring project with AZGFD with Trout Unlimited Embrace-A-Stream (EAS) Grant for Gila Trout Restoration projects.
12. Helped organize and participated in an AZGFD Sponsored Arizona Legislative “Cast and Blast” event to help introduce AZ legislators involved in natural resource issues to outdoor sports.

13. Supported AZGFD, USFWS & Tonto National Forest launch of a new Gila Trout Restoration project on Haigler Creek.



Gila Trout

14. Supported the Gila Trout TU Chapter's launch of a Streams Index in support of the new Tonto National Forest 20 year Management Plan now in development.
15. Achieved a large representative attendance (8 people) at TU's National 2014 Annual Meeting in Santa Fe, NM.
16. Continued volunteer work with several Fly Fishing Clubs on Canyon Creek, one of Arizona's premier wild trout fisheries. Placed gravel for Redds with immediate spawning success.
17. Conducted an annual AZ-TU Planning Meeting with statewide participation of many collaborating clubs, agencies and NGOs. From that, produced a "Directions 2015" Document that is serving as our strategic plan. A major focus and theme of that plan is collaborative efforts that allow us to do more.
18. New National TU Board of Trustees (BOT) Grassroots Trustee from Arizona appointed Chair of TU's BOT Organizational Development Committee.
19. Launched a new Chapter, Grand Canyon TU Chapter 190 in Flagstaff area, in partnership with the Northern Arizona Fly Casters.
20. Published article "Trout in the Desert... Really?" in Arizona Wildlife Federation magazine.
21. Supported an expanding Arizona Project Healing Waters Initiative by hosting on the water events and helping coordinate volunteers for this valuable Veteran's support effort.
22. Trout-in-the Classroom (TIC) programs bring nature into the schools by allowing students to raise trout in the classroom and develop a personal bond and sense of conservation. In 2015, all 4 chapters will have TIC programs in classrooms.

23. Tucson Old Pueblo Chapter continues to successfully support Native Trout Restoration Projects for Gila Trout in Frye Creek in the Pinaleno Mountains, in what may well be the Southernmost Native Trout Restoration Project in the country, and they're working toward a new restoration with a completely new (old) species!
24. The Zane Grey Chapter continued with AZGFD the restoration of Gila Trout with a third stocking in Grapevine Creek.
25. Launched new AZ-TU.org website with purely volunteer effort.
26. Participated in early definition of TU's new Strategic Southwest Native Trout Initiative for Apache Trout, Gila Trout and Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout in AZ, NM, CO, and TX.



Apache Trout West Fork Black River

27. Have existing activities or are planning real projects for Native or Wild Trout on every major watershed in the State of Arizona!
28. We have been working with good success to establish links and connections with newspapers, organizations with newsletters, and other Media outlets to help spread our story, opportunities and successes.
29. We are planning for new Trout Unlimited Chapters in Arizona.