

# Western Native Trout Initiative

## Conklin Creek and Stinky Creek renovation project briefing



Conklin Creek – applying Antimycin A to remove nonnative trout

### Background

- Project funded in 2007 as part of National Fish Habitat Action Plan's Western Native Trout Initiative (FWS received \$150,000)
- Apache trout may be the first fish removed from the Threatened and Endangered Species list due to recovery. Completion of these projects brings Apache trout closer to recovery

### Purpose

- Assist in the recovery of the threatened Apache trout by removing nonnative trout from 2 streams (8 miles total) and reestablishing pure Apache trout.

### Cooperators

- Arizona Game and Fish Department
- Trout Unlimited
- U.S. Forest Service

### Project Status

- Conklin Creek
  - Nonnative brown trout and hybrid Apache-rainbow trout were removed from 6.5 miles of Conklin Creek in June 2007
  - Will be stocked with pure Apache trout in summer 2008
- Stinky Creek
  - Apache trout and speckled dace were salvaged from Stinky Creek
  - Nonnative brown trout were removed from 2.5 miles of Stinky Creek in July 2007
  - Apache trout and speckled dace were restocked

### Budget Status

- \$105,000 transferred to Arizona Game and Fish Department
  - Pay for labor/travel
  - Pay for chemical (Antimycin A)
  - Pay for equipment (bucket setups, sprayers, safety gear)
- \$45 retained by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Pay for labor/travel
  - Pay for labor to transport Apache trout to the streams (to occur in summer 2008)