

Western Native Trout Initiative  
Project Update for:  
Black Canyon Creek Barrier Re-Construction for Gila trout



**Barrier on Black Canyon Creek, NM**

**Background**

Gila trout recovery was supported with a WNTI grant in 2008 to re-construct a barrier and support habitat improvement structures for conservation of Gila trout.

**Purpose**

Re-construct a barrier to prevent upstream migration of nonnative trout and protect ca. 9 stream miles of occupied habitat.

**Cooperators**

- New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
- U.S. Forest Service
- Trout Unlimited
- USFWS, NM Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office

**Project Status**

- Cooperative Agreement developed with and contract awarded to Gila National Forest to lead re-construction activities.
- Environmental compliance in final stages for ESA, NEPA, and CWA
- USFS acquired additional \$280,000 of ARRA funds to match and increase project scope (includes rebuilding of bridge and road crossing associated with barrier)
- IDIQ contract to be used for already in place contractor
- Final Survey and Design package to USFS Regional Office for approval
- Request for bids in March 2010 and award/construction implemented summer 2010

**Funding Status**

- Original budget \$95,000
- Cooperative agreement and contract to U.S. Forest Service for \$95,000