

California Golden Trout Population Monitoring

State(s): California

Managing Agency/Organization: Trout Unlimited

Type of Organization: State Government

Project Status: Completed

Project type: WNTI Project

Project action(s): Watershed, Genetic diversity

Trout species benefitted: California Golden Trout

Population: Golden Trout Creek

The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) has established a number of trout population monitoring locations in the native waters of the California golden trout which are sampled by electrofishing on a regular basis (usually every 5 years). Trends in age, growth and size composition of the fishery can then be evaluated over time in relationship to changes in habitat. This project is located in the Inyo National Forest (INF) and within the Whitney cattle grazing allotment, which is being rested for 10 years due to concerns about grazing impacts to native trout populations and habitat. Trout population estimates will be conducted at three sites in Golden Trout Creek at Big Whitney Meadow.

Objectives:

- Conduct trout population estimates at three sites in Golden Trout Creek in the Big Whitney Meadow area in the summer of 2008.

Partners:

- California Dept. of Fish and Game
- Trout Unlimited
- Patagonia Inc.

Funding Source(s):

- National Fish Habitat Action Plan

Project cost: \$15,588.00