

Trapper Creek, Colorado, Fence Enclosure Repair to Benefit Colorado River Cutthroat Trout

State(s): Colorado

Managing Agency/Organization: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Type of Organization: Federal Government

Project Status: Completed

Project type: WNTI Project

Project action(s): In-stream and riparian habitat

Trout species benefitted: Colorado River Cutthroat

Population: Trapper Creek White River

The project would protect one mile of Trapper Creek from livestock grazing and maintain and improve riparian and streamside habitat. Specifically, 3,600 feet of fencing would be replaced and 7,500 feet would be upgraded/repared. Resident CRCT would benefit by elimination of livestock grazing that causes riparian and streamback damage.

Trapper Creek contains genetically pure, core conservation population of CRCT. Two 1/2-mile livestock enclosures were built in the late 1980s to eliminate livestock use and improve riparian and stream habitat. Since that time, and despite annual maintenance, the fencing has deteriorated to the point where livestock are routinely getting into both enclosures. The original enclosure fence construction was contracted out and it has been determined that improper original construction has contributed to the poor structural integrity of the fence.

The project was completed Fall 2008/

Objectives:

- The objective of the project is to maintain the enclosure. The fence will be upgraded in spots, and replaced in others.

Partners:

- Colorado Division of Wildlife
- Colorado Trout Unlimited

Funding Source(s):

- National Fish Habitat Action Plan

Project cost: \$31,750.00

Start Date: 06/02/2008 **Completion Date:** 12/31/2008

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