Connecting families and communities with nature.



A collaborative, non-partisan conservation organization that is driven by science.



Conserving, protecting and restoring Arizona's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.



Trout Unlimited chapters are the boots on the ground in Arizona working to make our home waters healthier for everyone. Many of Trout Unlimited's efforts are leveraged through our vast network of Arizona volunteers—from on-the-ground restoration work, to policy work in the halls of government, and encouraging new nature enthusiasts through our many fishing outreach programs. Our volunteer expertise includes biologists, policy experts, communicators, organizers, trustees and local lay conservationists specifically focused on improving coldwater habitat in Arizona.



TU's approach to conservation: Two futures-you decide.

The work that Trout Unlimited does to make our nation's watersheds more resilient in the face of development and a changing climate also makes our communities stronger. For example, when we protect public land, we reduce downstream drinking water filtration costs. When we reconnect rivers to their flood plains, we reduce the effects of downstream flooding. When we restore rivers, we produce thousands of high-paying family wage jobs in rural communities. When we help wounded veterans to heal through fishing, teach kids to fish and train the next generation of conservation stewards, we make the world a better place.

Protect:

We protect the highest quality rivers and streams—the sources of cold, clean water.

Reconnect:

Because fish need to move in response to floods, fire, drought, and, in some cases, their lifecycles, we reconnect high-quality streams to downstream areas through changes to law and policy, and by removing unneeded dams and addressing stream blockages such as perched culverts.



We identify and restore areas where we see the highest return on investment for coldwater fish.

Sustain:

We sustain this work over time by investing in kids, volunteers, veterans, and the communities in which we live.

Sustaining our waters ensures solid economic impact for Arizona.



Fishing is our "front door" to engaging present and future generations of anglers as conservation advocates. The fishing community generates dollars through sales, travel, licenses and other revenue streams adding to the vitality of Arizona's economy. It also adds immeasurably to Arizona citizens' sense of balance and wellbeing by encouraging engagement with nature.

Diversity initiative



Trout Unlimited believes that exposing diverse and underserved populations to conservation work and angling is of paramount importance. Trout Unlimited's message resonates with all ages, geographic locations, backgrounds, socioeconomic groups, interests and ethnicities. Working with people of all walks of life, some Arizona Trout Unlimited outreach programs include adaptive programs with veterans and special needs youth, youth education programs and women.

Public policy and advocacy



A core group of Trout Unlimited leaders and partners work to keep members, key decision makers and the public aware of conservation issues that are vital to Arizona.

Trout-In-the-Classroom



Students of all ages have a chance to raise trout in a classroom setting. During the eight months that classes spend raising trout, they closely monitor water temperature, water clarity, dissolved oxygen, ammonia levels, and PH. Because trout are extremely sensitive to changes in their environment, students learn the importance of clean water and environmental protection. Trout-In-the-Classroom brings nature into the classroom and allows students to develop a personal interest and a sense of the conservation ethics that are at the core of Trout Unlimited's mission.



Conservation awareness



Various educational programs are conducted by Arizona Trout Unlimited volunteers including youth-oriented fly fishing or fly tying clinics in partnership with Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Special Olympics, Boys & Girls Clubs, Arizona Game and Fish Department and the Town of Gilbert.

Native and wild trout restoration



Accelerating the recovery and restoration of the Apache and Gila trout into their original territories is a priority. Steady progress is being achieved through collaborative efforts of national Trout Unlimited, Arizona Trout Unlimited council and chapter members, key biologists, native fish specialists and others representing the Arizona Game and Fish Department, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US Forest Service, Bureau of Reclamation, Fort Apache Indian Reservation and Fly Fisher International Clubs.

By fostering a sense of respect for the natural world and engaging all interested people through hands-on conservation and fishing programs, Trout Unlimited can spread its message of the importance of protecting and restoring Arizona's coldwater resources. Arizona Trout Unlimited is made up of people who care about our rivers, streams and waters, are passionate about mentoring the next generation and enjoy getting to fish as often as they can.



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