



## Arizona Game and Fish Department Partnership Waters Program

### Canyon Creek

The Zane Grey Chapter of Trout Unlimited has adopted Canyon Creek as a Partnership Water. Canyon Creek is a wild Brown Trout fishery located just east of Payson, Arizona along the Mogollon Rim. Zane Grey TU has been involved in several aspects of fisheries projects at Canyon Creek, including the addition of spawning gravel to several reaches of the stream in 2013 and 2014, construction of elk and livestock exclosures along the stream, and advocating for completion of the compliance during several other projects. The addition of gravel to the stream has been met with a great deal of success, with monitoring in the months after the project showing fish using the new spawning areas. Stream habitat projects are ongoing, to improve conditions which were impacted by the Rodeo-Chediski Fire in 2002. The stream is currently managed as a put-take fishery for stocked Rainbow Trout from the hatchery downstream to the Bridge at OW Ranch and as a Catch-and-Release fishery downstream from OW Bridge to the Fort Apache Reservation Boundary.

Link to the project website:

[http://www.zgtu.org/Projects/canyon\\_crk.htm](http://www.zgtu.org/Projects/canyon_crk.htm)



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