



# New Mexico Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office



Monitoring in the Gila National Forest



Aquatic Bug Activity with Students



Rio Grande Silvery Minnows

## STATION FACTS

- NMFWCO is the lead field station for recovery of the Pecos Bluntnose Shiner, Rio Grande Silvery Minnow, and Gila Trout, as well as the San Juan River Basin lead for Colorado Pikeminnow and Razorback Sucker.
- NMFWCO has 14 employees. We employ a variety of staff including supervisory, administrative, fish biologists, biological science technicians, and Pathway students.
- NMFWCO provides technical assistance to 22 Native American Tribes and Pueblos in New Mexico.
- Provides expertise in remote backcountry work.
- Provides fisheries assistance to five National Wildlife Refuges.
- Provides training and inspections support for Aquatic Invasive Species.
- Since 2010, NMFWCO and its partners have provided passage to over 15 miles of river previously unavailable to native fishes.
- Fish holding facilities on site available for research purposes.

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## Who we are

The New Mexico Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office (NMFWCO) works with partners to conduct dependable and accurate research, monitoring and resource inventory activities in the American Southwest.

## How We Help

With tribal, state, federal and private partners, the NMFWCO works towards the conservation of native fishes and their habitats in the desert southwest. To accomplish on-the-ground resource conservation activities, we work with a variety of programs and initiatives including the National Fish Habitat Partnership, National Fish Passage Program, and Landscape Conservation Cooperatives. Our diverse staff conducts work in both urban areas and remote locations only accessible by horses and mules, hiking, or rafts. Our resource conservation activities take us from the Gila National Wilderness to the Colorado Plateau, the Middle Rio Grande, the Canadian and Pecos River Basins.

Staff represent the Service on programs aimed at the recovery of threatened and endangered species.

These include the San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program, Middle Rio Grande Endangered Species Collaborative Program, and the Gila Trout Recovery Team.

We provide technical assistance to 22 Tribes and Pueblos in the management of their native and sport fisheries. These activities include lake and stream surveys, habitat assessments and improvements, fish passage, native fish conservation, nonnative fish control, educational outreach, and Endangered Species Act compliance.

Since 2011, we have administered a nationally recognized Native Fish in the Classroom Program exposing local youth to the outdoors and conservation. Additionally, we host several Tribal Youth Conservation Corps programs. These programs employ Native American Youth during the summer to assist staff with daily fisheries management activities, trail maintenance, and fish culture activities. It is hoped that these outreach efforts will foster a sense of stewardship among our local youth and that they will consider a future career in natural resource conservation.

*Stocking in the Sapillo Area of the Gila National Forest*

