

Annual Survey Certification Workshops:

The **2015 Chiricahua Leopard Frog Certification Workshop** (cosponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service, and Arizona Game and Fish Department) will be held on **May 27-28 in Payson, Arizona**. This 2-day workshop will certify participants to obtain federal and state permits from the USFWS and AGFD to survey for the federally threatened Chiricahua leopard frog and will cover additional relevant topics including:

- Basic biology of the Chiricahua leopard frog
- Identification of all Arizona leopard frogs
- Threats to Chiricahua leopard frogs
- Survey technique and protocol
- Evaluation of projects that may affect Chiricahua leopard frog
- Arizona's gartersnakes
- Chiricahua leopard frog Recovery Plan

We are now requiring that you retake the certification workshop to obtain permits if it has been 4 years or more since you last attended the workshop AND you have not been actively involved in Chiricahua leopard frog surveys since then (if it has been more than 4 years since you have attended the workshop BUT you continually survey for leopard frogs, you do not have to re-attend). There is no cost to attend the workshop.

Please email Christina Akins at cakins@azgfd.gov if you have any questions.