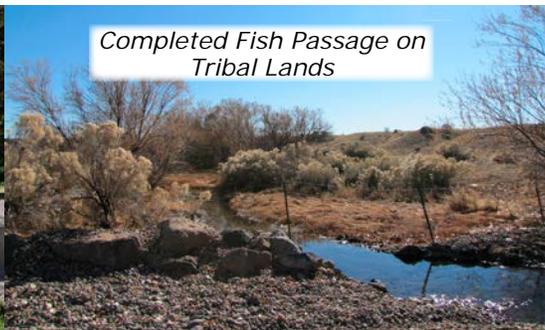




Fish Passage Program Southwest Region



Big Bonito Barrier



Completed Fish Passage on Tribal Lands



Culvert replacement on Jack Creek

SOUTHWEST REGION FACTS

- Fish Passage Projects improve the ability of fish or other aquatic species to move by reconnecting habitat that has been fragmented by barriers.
- Since 2000 the Region has completed 173 Fish Passage projects.
- Since 2000 the Region has removed or by-passed 85 fish barriers.
- The Region has restored 233 miles of river and streams in the Southwest.
- Nearly 50 partners involved in the Region 2 Fish Passage program.
- Nation wide 10,000 acres of restored wetlands contribute 93 million in economic impact and over 2,000 jobs.
- Nation wide 890 miles of restored river habitat contribute 483 million in economic impact and create 11,000 jobs.
- The National Fish Passage program strives to achieve a 50% match of Federal or non-federal funds for each project.

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Who We Are

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Fish and Aquatic Conservation (FAC) Program has played a vital role in conserving America's fisheries since 1871, partnering with States, Tribes, Federal agencies, other Service programs, and private interests in efforts to conserve fish and other aquatic resources. The FAC Program provides a broad network of on-the-ground expertise that is unique in its geographic coverage, its array of scientific capabilities, and its ability to work strategically, across political and jurisdictional boundaries.

How We Help

Aquatic habitats in the United States are fragmented by millions of dams, culverts, dikes, water diversions, and other human constructed barriers. Many of these barriers have a negative impact on fish and other aquatic organisms. By removing barriers, we open access for fish and other aquatic organisms to reproduce and grow.

Fish Passage

The FAC National Fish Passage Program is a voluntary, non-regulatory program. The program provides federal funds and technical assistance to remove or by-pass barriers to allow for passage by fish and other aquatic organisms.

Accomplishments

Since 2000, the Service has initiated 173 projects in the Southwest Region representing an investment of \$5,612,138.00 in Fish Passage Program funds. These projects have involved culvert renovations, dam removals, installation of fish passage structures or natural by-passes, modification of stream grade control structure, and barrier inventory/assessments.

These projects have contributed to restoring the natural flow regime in Southwest Region rivers and streams and have benefited aquatic organisms by making additional habitat available for spawning, rearing, and feeding. Many projects have also reduced sediment runoff and in-stream water temperatures.

Completed Low Water Crossing in Uvalde County, TX



Summary Table of USFWS Southwest Region Fish Passage Program Accomplishments 2000 -2014

# of Projects	# of Barriers Removed/Bypassed	# of Miles Restored	# of Instream Miles Enhanced*	# of Population Assessments Completed*	Program Funding
173	85	233.8	21.5	32	\$5,612,138

*Data for 2012 - 2014 only