



Revised Recovery Plan for the Apache Trout (*Oncorhynchus apache*)

About the Document

Title: Revised Recovery Plan for the Apache trout
(*Oncorhynchus apache*)

Purpose: The plan will provide a roadmap for recovery and ultimately removal of the Apache trout from the threatened and endangered species list, in accordance with section 4(f)(1) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). The plan contains descriptions of the life history, threats, and current conservation of the Apache trout, as well as objective and measurable recovery criteria, recommended recovery actions, and the time and cost estimates of recovery.

Type of Review: Influential

Date of Peer Review: July – September 2007

Estimated Dissemination Date: The Final Revised Recovery Plan for the Apache trout will be disseminated by January 2008.

About the Peer Review Process

Number of Reviewers: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is soliciting comments from up to five independent scientific reviewers on the draft revised recovery plan. The scientific peer review will be held concurrently with the public review of the draft revised plan which is planned for July – September 2007.

Reviewer Selection Method/Expertise of Reviewers: The Service asked the Apache Trout Recovery Team members and affiliates to recommend peer reviewers that were objective and preferably well known and widely respected experts in conservation biology, Arizona native fishes conservation and ecology, knowledge of recovery planning, hydrology, and water management. The Service then asked a subset of those recommended reviewers if they were available to review the draft revised recovery plan within the given time frame.

About Public Participation

The public will have an opportunity to provide comments on the Draft Revised Recovery Plan for the Apache trout during a 60 day comment period anticipated to begin in July 2007. The Service will incorporate all comments into the final Revised Recovery Plan and notify the public of its completion and availability on the Service's web site.

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See the Apache trout species' profile via the Arizona Ecological Service Field Office web site at <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/arizona/ApacheTrout.htm>