

*The 2009 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 20-21 in Young, Arizona**. This 2-day workshop will certify participants to obtain permits 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*

***We are now requiring that you must 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 you fulfill the above requirement but feel the need for a refresher, we encourage you to participate in the workshop again. There is no cost to attend the workshop.*

*Please pass this announcement along to other individuals in your organization who might be interested or are in need of Chiricahua leopard frog certification. If this email should be directed to a more appropriate contact person within your organization, please let us know so that we can update our email list.*

*Interested individuals should respond to Abi King, Arizona Game and Fish Department, [aking@azgfd.gov](mailto:aking@azgfd.gov) by Friday, April 17th. If you respond on behalf of individuals in your organization (or those soon to be hired), please let Abi know the names and/or number of spaces you would like to reserve for them.*

***Further details (such as the workshop agenda, driving directions, and lodging information) will be sent to interested individuals by the end of April.***