

## WHY DESERT FISH?

- 30% of U.S. threatened and endangered fishes occur in the arid Southwest
- Desert aquatic habitats support 179 native fish species, 54 which are listed under the Endangered Species Act
- Habitat loss is the primary threat to aquatic ecosystems in this region
- Conservation of aquatic resources is a fundamental and pervasive issue facing people and fish that share limited waters of the Southwest
- Time is running out. . .

Warner suckers are believed to only occur in Nevada and Oregon



Myton Diversion Fish Passage Project, Northeastern Utah- In Progress



Roundtail Chub, W. Clear Creek, AZ



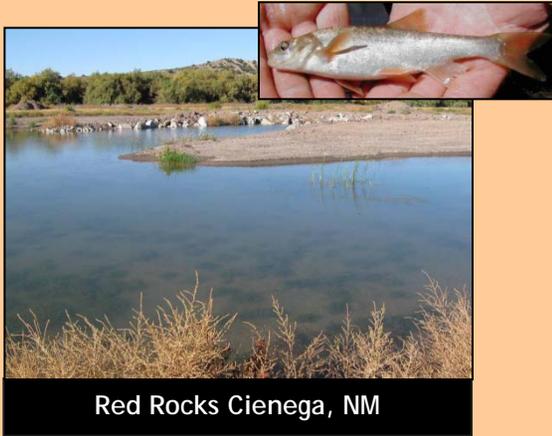
## DFHP GOALS

- ❖ Protect intact healthy aquatic systems supporting native desert fish habitats
- ❖ Prevent further degradation of impaired desert fish habitats
- ❖ Reverse declines in the quality and quantity of desert fish habitats to improve health and resiliency of desert fish and other aquatic species
- ❖ Increase the quality and quantity of fish habitats that support a broad natural diversity of desert aquatic species
- ❖ Contribute to the success of national efforts to protect and enhance aquatic habitats by participating in the NFHP

## DFHP MILESTONES

- November 2006- Partnership Development Meeting, Death Valley, CA
- February 2008- Strategic Plan Development Meeting 1, Las Vegas
- April 2008- Red Rock Cienega project funded and initiated
- January 2009- Strategic Framework completed
- March 2009- Formal recognition by the National Fish Habitat Board
- July 2009- First Request for Proposals circulated; Myton Diversion Project funded
- May 2010- Two DFHP Waters to Watch recognized

## DFHP Projects



Red Rocks Cienega, NM

New Mexico DGF, Arizona GFD, and USFWS have restored habitat for the endangered Gila topminnow and Gila chub by removing invasive salt cedar, re-vegetating the site with native plants, returning flow, and restocking and monitoring fish.

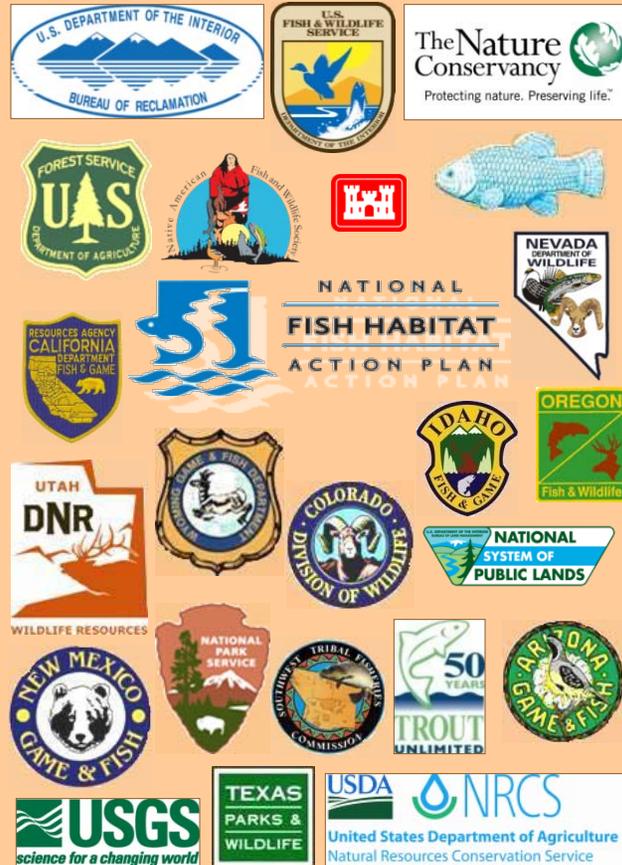


Fairbanks Spring source pool, NV

USFWS, Nevada Division of Wildlife, and other partners are restoring habitat within the Fairbanks and Soda Springs spring brook outflow systems which historically supported populations of Ash Meadows pupfish, speckled dace, endemic spring snails, and aquatic invertebrates.

## Desert Fish Habitat Partners to Date

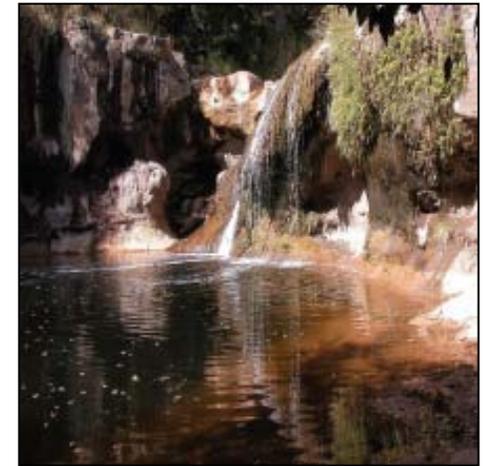
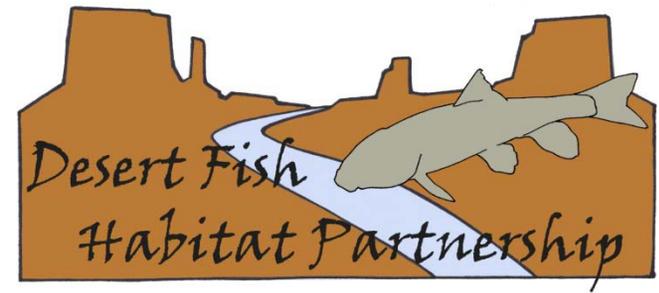
*Bringing together people and organizations with a common interest in voluntary conservation of desert fishes and their habitats. Please join us!*



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*DFHP conserves native desert fish by protecting, restoring, and enhancing their habitats in cooperation with state and tribal fish and wildlife agencies, federal resource agencies, research and private organizations, and engaged individuals.*



Bluehead sucker, San Juan River, NM