



Arizona Game and Fish Department Partnership Waters Program

East Verde River

The Gila Trout Chapter of Trout Unlimited has adopted the East Verde River as a Partnership Water. East Verde River is just north of Payson, Arizona, flowing off of the Mogollon Rim. The stream has a population of wild Rainbow Trout as well as a population of Headwater Chub in the lower portion of the stream. The Chapter has been working for several years to improve stream habitat with Fisheries Biologists from Arizona Game and Fish Department and the U.S. Forest Service. The goal is to improve habitat conditions to benefit the wild trout population in the stream. The stream is currently managed from the headwaters to the Pumphouse as a catch-and-release fishery to maintain the wild trout population in this portion of the stream.

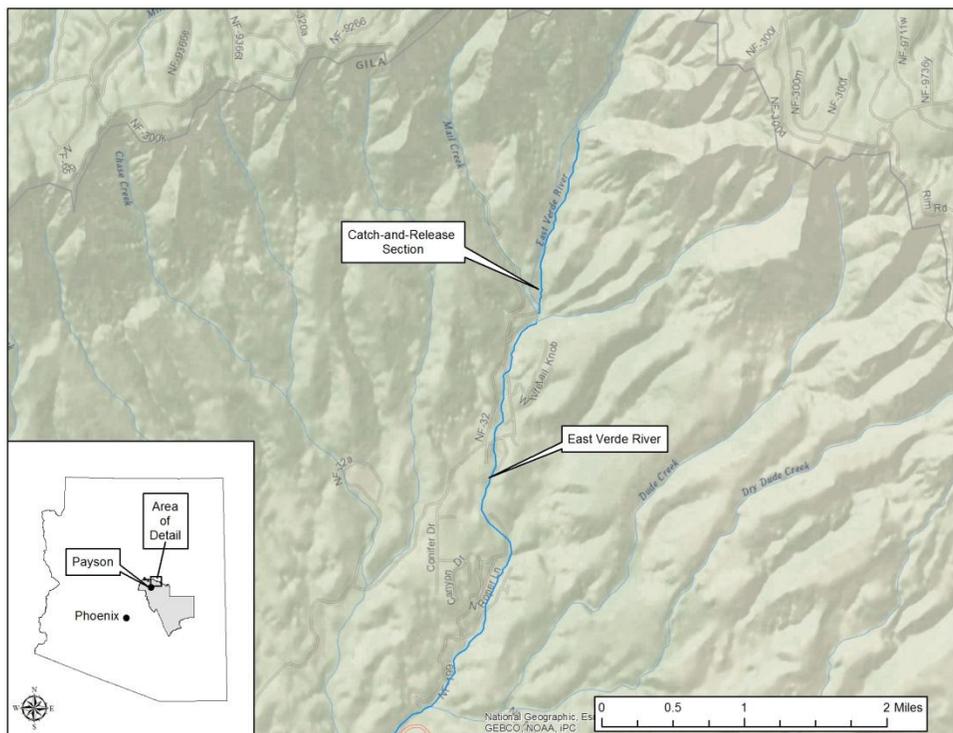


Figure 1. Map of East Verde River, Catch-and-Release section upstream from the Pumphouse.