



A CALL TO ACTION TO OUR CONTRACTOR MEMBERS; WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Zane Grey Chapter, in partnership with the Arizona Council of Trout Unlimited (AZTU), the Grand Canyon Council, Boy Scouts of America (GCC), and Arizona Fly Casters Club (AFC), is restoring a fish pond and freshwater supply at the R-C Scout Ranch. Once complete, the restored pond will provide fishing and conservation-education opportunities at summer youth camps for Scouts, STEM programs, the American Cancer Society, and others, as well as Mogollon Rim area youth. In addition, the pond Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) uses the pond as a recovery population site for native Round Tailed Chub; this project helps that endeavor as well.

Grand Canyon Council owns and operates the 80-acre Ranch located about 20-miles east of Payson. While the initial pond restoration work (Phase 1) is complete, we need help from qualified and skilled contractor(s) for Phase 2, which involves:

- Re-grading the nearby campground road and adding water bars and other grading improvements, including rip-rap along road, to divert water and prevent runoff into the pond;
- Constructing a new, larger concrete spring-box around the outside perimeter of the existing spring-box, which will allow controlled over-flow into a pipeline supplying fresh water to the pond and a second line into nearby Christopher Creek;
- Demolishing and removing the old spring-box; and
- Removing the existing above-ground, supported supply pipeline running from the existing spring-box to the pond, and replacing it with a below-ground 4-inch PVC line in trench and cover.

The design for this work is complete, and funding is currently available to help cover the costs of labor, materials, and equipment, provided that the Phase-2 work is “under contract” by September 30, 2023 -- with the goal of completing this Phase 2 work this fall. While volunteer “unskilled” labor will be available to assist with “grunt” work and to defray overall labor costs, we need the assistance of a skilled contractor to oversee the overall construction of this Phase 2 work and help with the grading, concrete, and piping work.

Additional information, including copies of the design documents and a more-detailed description of this project is available at the links below:

- Natural Channel Design [Project Design](#)
- Natural Channel Design Drawings [Dwgs 1](#), [Dwgs 2](#), [Dwgs 3](#)

If you are a contractor (or know of a contractor) interested, willing, and able to help in this worthwhile project and opportunity to give back, please contact:

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Yours in conservation,