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Water Protection Fund awards \$2.5 M in grants for FY '07

The Arizona Water Protection Fund (AWPF) has awarded \$2.5 million in capital and research grants to 10 applicants for fiscal year 2007, Arizona Department of Water Resources Director Herb Guenther announced today.

The grants will fund reclamation projects including stream restoration, erosion reduction and control, removal of tamarisk tree infestations, and enhancement of riparian areas.

"This is some of the most satisfying work we do in our agency," said ADWR Director Herb Guenther, who also sits as an ex-officio member of the AWPF Commission. "Committed individuals, working with public and private groups, help to restore neglected areas to near their original pristine condition."

The Legislature created the AWPF in 1994 to provide, according to statute, "an annual source of monies for the development and implementation of measures to protect water of sufficient quality and quantity to maintain, enhance, and restore rivers and streams and associated riparian habitat."

The Fund is replenished from three sources:

- An annual \$5 million legislative appropriation,
- Fees collected by the Central Arizona Project, and
- Private gifts, grants or donations.

Priority is given to proposed projects that will enhance or maintain streamflow and associated riparian habitat and that address issues in geographic areas of public concern.

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**Arizona Water Protection Fund
FY 2007 Grant Applications Funded**

App. #	Project Title	Applicant (Location)	Type	Amount
WPF0329	Picture Canyon Rio de Flag Meander Restoration Project	City of Flagstaff (Flagstaff)	Capital	\$330,225
WPF0331	Reduction of Erosion and Sedimentation along the Lower San Pedro River through Hydrologic Restoration of Modified Ephemeral Washes	The Nature Conservancy (Oracle Area)	Capital	\$396,694
WPF0335	Little Colorado River & Nutrioso Creek Riparian Enhancement Project	Rick Benoit (Springerville)	Capital	\$198,996
WPF0336	Evaluation of Riparian Habitat and Headcutting on Lower Cienega Creek	Pima Assn. of Govts (Tucson Area)	Research	\$23,972
WPF0338	Kaler Ranch Erosion Control Project, Phase II	Richard & Lois Kaler (Safford/Morenci Area)	Capital	\$284,332
WPF0339	Little Colorado River Project on H-Y Ranch River Property	H-Y Ranch, Jerrie Paschal & Casey Murph (Holbrook)	Capital	\$53,000
WPF0340	Effects of Restoration on Wildlife Recovery at the Yuma East Wetlands Restoration Project	Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area (Yuma)	Research	\$68,016
WPF0341	South Channel Phase II Restoration Project	Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area (Yuma)	Capital	\$603,487
WPF0342	Control of Tamarisk on 12 Miles of the Upper Verde River	EcoResults Institute (Paulden)	Capital	\$366,390
WPF0348	Fairchild Draw Riparian Restoration Project	Arizona Game and Fish Dept. (NW of Heber)	Capital	\$172,674
TOTAL AMOUNT FUNDED				\$2,497,786