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Subject: FW: topminnow and pupfish release at Aravaipa South Rim

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All -- this is a good summary by Doug Duncan (FWS) of the significant event in topminnow/pupfish recovery that occurred last Thursday. It marks the first time we've stocked multiple sites with both topminnow and pupfish on the same day!

Next on the horizon is the topminnow stocking in Larry Creek on the 26th, and in the meantime I'll be working on finalizing the Gila topminnow recovery plan with Doug.

Thanks.

Jeremy

-----Original Message-----

From: Doug_Duncan@fws.gov [mailto:Doug_Duncan@fws.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2005 1:07 PM
Subject: topminnow and pupfish release at Aravaipa

The Nature Conservancy, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Game and Fish Department and USFWS transported desert pupfish and Gila topminnow to the Aravaipa south rim to release them into new habitat. The stockings were the first action taken under the recently signed Safe Harbor Agreement with TNC. Section 7 consultation allowed the fish to be released on BLM lands.

Topminnow from Bylas Spring, allowed by the San Carlos Apache, and facilitated by AZFRO were transported from San Carlos to Dudleyville by AGFD. There, pupfish gathered from ponds on TNC, along with the topminnow were flown by a helicopter provided by the Bureau of Reclamation to the release sites. The helicopter saved transport time and greatly reduced the time that the fish were help captive, thereby greatly reducing their handling stress. The fish were put into Bleak Spring and Cement Spring on TNC, and Parson Spring on TNC & BLM. There were a total of 150 topminnow and 150 pupfish. They were evenly split and released into the three sites.

Thanks to all partners for a conservation success!

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