

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

The Gila Trout

Biologists estimate Gila trout once swam in 600 miles of stream in New Mexico and Arizona. By 1973, they inhabited about 20 miles within four streams. The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Offices have worked with many partners to expand the range of the trout using stream-to-stream transfers. Recovery is possible through the efforts of the Mora National Fish Hatchery. Three times Gila trout have been brought there from the wild in advance of moving wildfires.