

Lower & Middle Gila Watershed Management Plan Summary Table

Management Unit Name	Management Goals			Management Goals			Unit Potential		Management Priority	Management Description
	Emphasis	Objectives	Desired Species	Emphasis	Objectives	Desired Species	Angler	Native Aquatic Conservation		
Adora Trails (Lower Queen Creek)	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Alamo Wash (Cherioni Wash)	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	No management emphasis or actions of Alamo Wash by the Department are planned or will likely occur for the foreseeable future due to lack of perennial water.
Andersen Springs Pond (Firebird Lake-Gila River)	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Arnhem @ Merrill Ranch (Pasano Wash-Gila River)	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Arnett Creek (Upper Queen Creek)	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish-Self-sustaining	AGCH, POOC				Low	High	High	The Arnett Creek Management Unit will primarily be managed for self-sustaining populations of Longfin Dace. Gila Topminnow will be stocked into Telegraph Canyon to attempt to establish a population there. The management unit will be managed for continued self-sustaining populations of Lowland Leopard Frogs. Telegraph Canyon was merged with this management unit because it is a tributary to Arnett Creek and is also occupied by Longfin Dace and shares the same management objectives.
ASU Research Park (Firebird Lake-Gila River)	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Benders Pond (Quitova Wash)	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	ICPU, ONMY, MISA, LEMA, PONI, PIPR, LEMI				High	Low	Medium	Benders Pond will be stocked for fishing clinics/denby fishing clinics/denby based on time of year/availability/stock—stocked it would be a combination or specific targeted spp for event and would not to exceed 2,000. Sub-catchable—LEMA or MISA may be stocked in place of catchable ICPU. This location is a Community Fishing Water and managed primarily as a put-and-take warm water fishery and a secondary opportunity as a put-and-take rainbow trout fishery during winter months.
Boyce Thompson Arboretum (Upper Queen Creek)	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish Refugia	CYMA, POOC, possibly GIRD				Low	High	High	Ayer Lake at Boyce Thompson Arboretum will continue to be managed for refugia populations of Gila Topminnow and Desert Pupfish. When the park gives approval, the pond will be drawn down and treated with chemicals if necessary, to eradicate nonnative fish. After nonnative fish eradication, Desert Pupfish and Gila Topminnow will be returned to the pond. Roundtail Chub will be stocked once the other two species establish. After stocking, the pond should be monitored annually to assess species status until it is determined that species are established. After that the pond should be monitored at least once every 3 years.
Copper Sky Lake	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MISA, LEMA, LEMI, ICPU, PONI, PIPR, DOPE, CTID	Sport Fish Recreation	Sportfish Coldwater-Intensive Use	ONMY	Low	Low	Medium	This location is a Community Fishing Water and managed primarily as a put-and-take warmwater fishery and a secondary opportunity as a put-and-take rainbow trout fishery during winter months.
Cottonwood Wash (Box O Wash-Gila River)	Undetermined due to lack of data						Low	Low	Low	No management description due to lack of data; wash appears ephemeral.
Crossroads Park (Firebird Lake-Gila River)	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Crystal Point HOA Ski Lake (Firebird Lake-Gila River)	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Darby Arroyo (Upper Tenmile Wash)	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	No management emphasis or actions of Darby Arroyo by the Department are planned or will likely occur for the foreseeable future due to lack of perennial water.
Dave White Regional Park Pond	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MISA, LEMA, LEMI, ICPU, PONI, PIPR, DOPE, CTID	Sport Fish Recreation	Sportfish Coldwater-Intensive Use	ONMY	Low	Low	Medium	This location is a Community Fishing Water and managed primarily as a put-and-take warmwater fishery and a secondary opportunity as a put-and-take rainbow trout fishery during winter months.
Desert Breeze	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MISA, LEMA, LEMI, ICPU, PONI, PIPR, DOPE, CTID	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Coldwater-Basic Yield	ONMY	Low	Low	Medium	Since 1990, Desert Breeze Lake has been managed as an intensively stocked put-and-take fishery to provide year round high-use urban fishing opportunities for anglers of all ages and abilities. Special regulations are in place for this water that governs the harvest of trout, catfish, bass, sunfish, and white amur. This water is part of the Community Fishing Program.
Discovery District Park Lakes	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MISA, LEMA, LEMI, ICPU, PONI, PIPR, DOPE, CTID	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Coldwater-Basic Yield	ONMY	Low	Low	Medium	Discovery District Lakes have been managed by the City of Gilbert as a light-use recreational fishery with a modest warm water fishery. Special regulations are in place for this lake that reduces the harvest of trout and catfish. Angling use is light to moderate. This water is part of the Community Fishing Program.
Double Tank (Brady Wash-Picacho Reservoir)	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	There is no management description due to lack of data; likely ephemeral.
Encantera at Trilogy Country Club (Middle Queen Creek)	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Fortuna Lake (Fortuna Wash-Gila River)	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MISA, LEMA, LEMI, ICPU, PONI, PIPR, DOPE, CTID	Sport Fish Recreation	Sportfish Coldwater-Intensive Use	ONMY	High	Low	Medium	In the 2015-2025 Community Fishing Program Vision, the Department developed management objectives for angler catch per unit effort (CPUE; fish caught per hour) and angler satisfaction. Our target catch rates and angler satisfaction is the same for all CPUE waters: Achieve an angler satisfaction rate of at least 85% for each individual water, and overall catch-rates greater than 0.50 fish/hr. Fortuna Lake has employed a Standard Use or put-and-take management strategy for stocked fish since the lake was added to the program. Management of wild fishes in Fortuna Lake will focus on providing additional angling opportunities, including sunfishes and Largemouth Bass. Management of sunfishes in Fortuna Lake will focus on maintaining populations for general angling opportunity as well as providing a forage base for predatory fishes (i.e. Largemouth Bass). Management of Largemouth Bass will focus on maintaining adequate numbers of fish that are a size prized by anglers (ideally memorable and trophy sizes) to create a high level of angler satisfaction. Special regulations or stockings may be considered if the fishery is unable to meet these criteria in the future. White amur are a desired species in the future for aquatic vegetation control.
Freestone Park Lakes	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MISA, LEMA, LEMI, ICPU, PONI, PIPR, DOPE, CTID	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Coldwater-Basic Yield	ONMY	Low	Low	Medium	These lakes were in the Urban Fishing Program for a brief period in early 1990, but high and persistent pH levels due to the reclaimed water were not compatible with regular fish stockings, and the lake was withdrawn from the program. Freestone Lake has been managed by the City of Gilbert as a light-use recreational fishery with a modest warm water fishery. Special regulations are in place for these lakes that reduces the harvest of trout and catfish. Angling use is light. This water is again part of the Community Fishing Program.
Gila River (Firebird Lake-Gila River)	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	ICPU, PYOL				High	Low	High	The Gila River management unit will be managed for sport fish as a general opportunity warm water fishery.
Gila River (Gila River-Painted Rock Reservoir)	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MISA, ORSP				High	Low	Low	The Department has developed concepts under a Strategic Vision Document (AGFD 2017) to help guide warmwater fisheries management in Arizona. Using these concepts, fisheries management for the Gila River will focus on a general opportunity for all warmwater species.
Gila River (Picacho Wash-Colorado River)	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	Existing species				Low	Low	Low	The Department has developed concepts under a Strategic Vision Document (AGFD 2017) to help guide warmwater fisheries management in Arizona. Using these concepts, fisheries management for the Gila River will focus on a general opportunity for all warmwater species.
Gilbert Courthouse Pond (Firebird Lake-Gila River)	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	There is no management description due to lack of data.
Gilbert Wastewater Effluent Recharge Pond (Middle Queen Creek)	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Graham County Fairground Ponds	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MISA, LEMA, LEMI, ICPU, PONI, PIPR, DOPE, CTID	Sport Fish Recreation	Sportfish Coldwater-Intensive Use	ONMY	Low	Low	Medium	This location was managed primarily as a put-and-take rainbow trout fishery during the winter months. Stocking of rainbow trout ceased in 2015.
Green Tank (Dripping Springs Wash-Gila River)	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	There is no management description due to lack of data.
Growler Pond (Park Valley-Gila River)	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity					High	Low	Low	The Department has developed concepts under a Strategic Vision Document (AGFD 2017) to help guide warmwater fisheries management in Arizona. Using these concepts, fisheries management of Growler Pond will focus on a general opportunity for all warmwater species.
Johnson Ranch (Lower Queen Creek)	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Kearny Lake (Mineral Creek-Gila River)	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MISA, LEMA, LEMI, ICPU, PONI, PIPR, DOPE	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Coldwater-Basic Yield	ONMY	Low	Low	Low	There is no management description due to lack of data. This water may become a Community Fishing Program water in the future.
Lagos Vistoso (Firebird Lake-Gila River)	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Lakewood HOA (Firebird Lake-Gila River)	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Layton Lakes (Firebird Lake-Gila River)	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Lone Tree Golf Course (Firebird Lake-Gila River)	No proposed emphasis or action						Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Manuel Carter Oasis Lake	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MISA, LEMA, LEMI, ICPU, PONI, PIPR, DOPE, CTID	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Coldwater-Basic Yield	ONMY		Low	Medium	The project involves maintaining an Intensive Use sport fishery in the Town of Queen Creek that will focus on four primary species: Channel Catfish, Rainbow Trout, Bluegill, and Largemouth bass. Initial sport fish introductions would be targeted to occur between May and October 2018. Stockings of approved sport fish species may occur multiple times annually to create a fishery with angler catch rates of at least 0.5 fish per hour, and an 85% angler satisfaction rating. Other approved species may be stocked for recreational opportunities, as a forage base, or for aquatic vegetation control.
Martinez Canyon (Box O Wash-Gila River)	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish-Self-sustaining	LIYA, AGCH				Low	Low	Low	The Martinez Canyon Management Unit will be managed primarily for native aquatic amphibians such as Lowland Leopard Frogs. The management unit provides isolated aquatic habitats may of which are intermittent and suitable for frogs but not fish.
Mescal Creek (Dripping Springs Wash-Gila River)	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish-Self-sustaining	CACL, GIRD, RHOS, MEFL, TCOC, POOC				Low	Medium	Medium	The Mescal Creek management unit will be managed primarily for self-sustaining populations of native fish. The BLM needs to complete an EA so that native fish can be stocked into the fishless portion upstream of the waterfall. The smaller-bodied native fish (Loach Minnow, Spikedace, Gila Topminnow) and Desert Suckers should be stocked first, and given a year or two to establish before Roundtail Chub are stocked. Mescal Warm Spring (if it is included with this unit) should be dug out and improved and then Gila Topminnow should be restocked; this was an historic topminnow site.

Mescal Warm Spring (Dripping Springs Wash-Gila River)	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish-Self-sustaining	POOC; possibly CYMA					Low	Medium	Medium	Mescal Warm Spring will be managed for self-sustaining populations of Gila Topminnow. The habitat should be dug out and the vegetation controlled before Gila Topminnow are stocked to restore the population. After habitat is restored, it should be evaluated to determine if it is suitable for Desert Pupfish, and stocked if it is deemed suitable.
Mesquite Tank #1 (Upper Queen Creek)	No proposed emphasis or action							Low	Low	Low	There is no management description due to lack of data.
Mineral Creek (Mineral Creek-Gila River)	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish-Self-sustaining	AGCH, GIRO, CACL, evaluate for RHCO, MEFU, and POOC					Low	High	High	The Mineral Creek management Unit will be managed primarily for self-sustaining populations of native fish, and aquatic amphibians and reptiles. Roundtail Chub will be repatriated to upper Mineral Creek above Big Box Dam reservoir. Habitat will be evaluated to determine if it is suitable for Spikedace, Loach Minnow, Gila Topminnow, and Desert Sucker, and these species will be stocked if sufficient suitable habitat is present. Nonnative fish will be eradicated from Devils Canyon from the Five Falls upstream. After the nonnative fish have been eradicated, native species will be stocked including Roundtail Chub, Desert Sucker, Longfin Dace, and Gila Topminnow. Habitat will be evaluated to determine suitability for Spikedace and Loach Minnow, and these species stocked if sufficient suitable habitat exists
Mineral Creek drainage Tanks (Mineral Creek-Gila River)	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish-Self-sustaining	LIYA, AMTI					Low	High	Low	The Mineral Creek drainage tanks management unit will be managed for self-sustaining populations of native amphibians. Nonnative fish should be eradicated from the few tanks in the drainage where they occur to benefit native aquatic amphibians and to minimize invasion of the nonnative species into Devils Canyon and Mineral Creek.
Morrison Ranch (Firebird Lake-Gila River)	No proposed emphasis or action							Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Oakwood Hills HOA (Firebird Lake-Gila River)	No proposed emphasis or action							Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Oakwood Lake (Firebird Lake-Gila River)	No proposed emphasis or action							Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Ocotillo HOA (Firebird Lake-Gila River)	No proposed emphasis or action							Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Pilot Tank (Upper Queen Creek)	No proposed emphasis or action							Low	Low	Low	There is no management description due to lack of data.
Poston Butte Golf Course (Paisano Wash-Gila River)	No proposed emphasis or action							Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Power Ranch (Middle Queen Creek)	No proposed emphasis or action							Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Red Mountain Lake	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MISA, LEMA, LEML, ICPU, PONI, PIPR, DOPE, CTID	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Coldwater-Basic Yield	ONMY		Low	Low	Medium	Since 1995, Red Mountain Lake has been managed as an intensively stocked put-and-take fishery to provide year round high-use urban fishing opportunities for anglers of all ages and abilities. Special regulations are in place for this UFP water that governs the harvest of trout, catfish, bass, sunfish, and white amur. It is part of the Community Fishing Program.
Redondo Lake (Fortuna Wash-Gila River)	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	MISA, LEMA, LEML, ICPU, PONI, PIPR, DOPE, CTID	Sport Fish Recreation	Sportfish Coldwater-Intensive Use	ONMY		High	Low	Medium	In the 2015-2025 Community Fishing Program Vision, the Department developed management objectives for angler catch per unit effort (CPUE, fish caught per hour) and angler satisfaction. Our target catch rates and angler satisfaction is the same for all CFP waters: Achieve an angler satisfaction rate of at least 85% for each individual water, and overall catch-rates greater than 0.50 fish/hr. Redondo Lake has employed a Standard Use or put-and-take management strategy for stocked fish since the lake was added to the program. Management of wild fishes in Redondo Lake will focus on providing additional angling opportunities, including sunfishes and Largemouth Bass. Management of sunfishes in Redondo Lake will focus on maintaining populations for general angling opportunity as well as providing a forage base for predatory fishes (i.e. Largemouth Bass). Management of Largemouth Bass will focus on maintaining adequate numbers of fish that are a size prized by anglers (ideally memorable and trophy sizes) to create a high level of angler satisfaction. Special regulations or stockings may be considered if the fishery is unable to meet these criteria in the future. White amur are a desired species in the future for aquatic vegetation control.
The Kovach Pond (Firebird Lake-Gila River)	No proposed emphasis or action							Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Val Vista Classic (Firebird Lake-Gila River)	No proposed emphasis or action							Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Valencia (Firebird Lake-Gila River)	No proposed emphasis or action							Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Walnut Canyon (Box O Wash-Gila River)	Native Aquatic Species Management	Native Fish-Self-sustaining	LIYA, AGCH					Low	Low	Low	The Walnut Creek Management Unit will be primarily managed for self-sustaining populations of native aquatic species including Longfin Dace and Lowland Leopard Frogs. The unit will be surveyed for habitat, fish, and frogs to better develop management options.
Wellton Golf Course Pond (Morgan Wash-Gila River)	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	ICPU					Low	Low	Low	Wellton Golf Course Pond (Morgan Wash-Gila River) will be stocked for fishing clinics/derby fishing clinics/derby based on time of year/availability/cost. Stocked it would be a combination or specific targeted spp for event and would not to exceed 2,000. Sub-catchable LEMA or MISA may be stocked in place of catchable ICPU.
Wind Drift (Dusting Snow) (Firebird Lake-Gila River)	No proposed emphasis or action							Low	Low	Low	This water is on private land and there is no proposed emphasis or action by the Department.
Yuma Canals - B Canal (Yuma Valley)	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	Existing species					Low	Low	Medium	The Department has developed concepts under a Strategic Vision Document (AGFD 2017) to help guide warmwater fisheries management in Arizona. Using these concepts, fisheries management for the Yuma Area Canals will focus on a general opportunity for all warmwater species.
Yuma Canals - Gila Gravity (Fortuna Wash-Gila River)	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	Existing species					Low	Low	Medium	The Department has developed concepts under a Strategic Vision Document (AGFD 2017) to help guide warmwater fisheries management in Arizona. Using these concepts, fisheries management for the Yuma Area Canals will focus on a general opportunity for all warmwater species.
Yuma Canals - Wellton-Mohawk Canal (Fortuna Wash-Gila River)	Sport Fish Recreation	Sport Fish Warmwater-General Opportunity	Existing species					Low	Low	Medium	The Department has developed concepts under a Strategic Vision Document (AGFD 2017) to help guide warmwater fisheries management in Arizona. Using these concepts, fisheries management for the Yuma Area Canals will focus on a general opportunity for all warmwater species.