

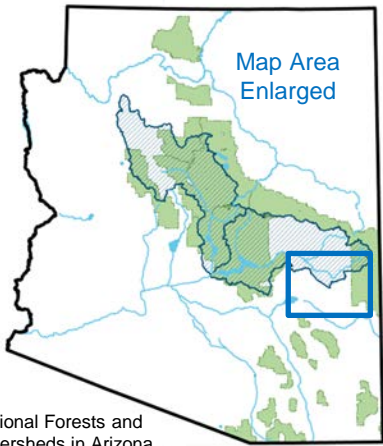


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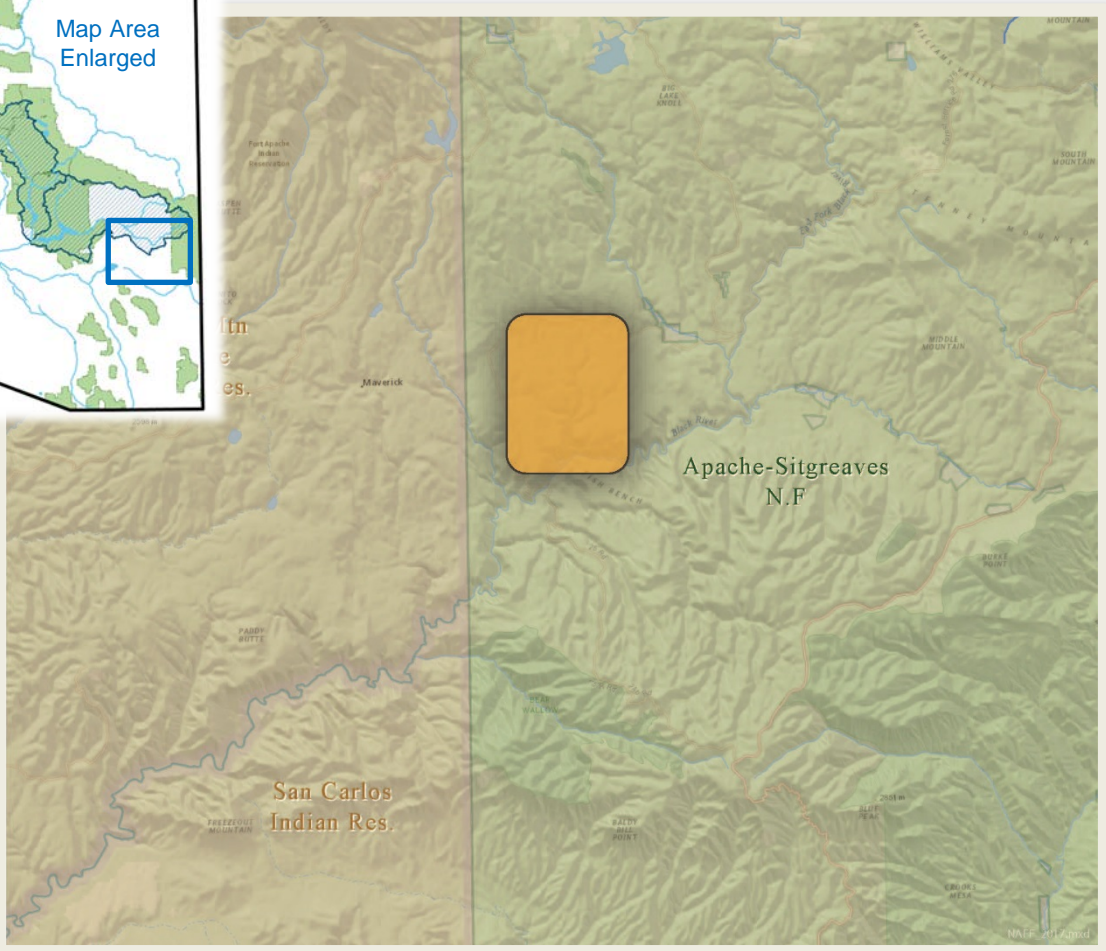
**The Black River
Headwaters
Wetland
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Overview**

The Black River Headwaters Wetland Protection Project is located on the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest approximately 20 miles south of Greer. Based on the successful rebuilding of a 4-mile section of Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest boundary fence in 2016, the Northern Arizona Forest Fund will expand its activities in this important watershed by making additional investments to repair fencing near two tributaries of the Black River in 2017. The fencing will enhance the protection of wetland and riparian areas from unintended trampling of vegetation, water quality degradation, and aquatic stream function on an abandoned grazing allotment. In 2017, the Northern Arizona Forest Fund will support an additional four miles of fence repairs, protecting sensitive wetland and riparian habitat along Wildcat and Boggy Creeks, important tributaries of the Black River.

Black River Headwaters Wetland Project Area



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Project Approach

Local contractors will repair and reinstall wildlife friendly fencing in the hard to access, and often very steep, forested landscape. Because of impacts from the Wallow Fire, hazardous tree removal is also necessary to secure and protect the structure and longevity of the work. Fencing prevents unpermitted livestock and ungulates from trampling fragile riparian vegetation in wetlands and along streams. Preventing impacts to riparian vegetation and stream banks reduces erosion and sedimentation into the Black River and its tributaries, improving overall water quality. These measures will also protect critical habitat for threatened species, such as Apache Trout and New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse.

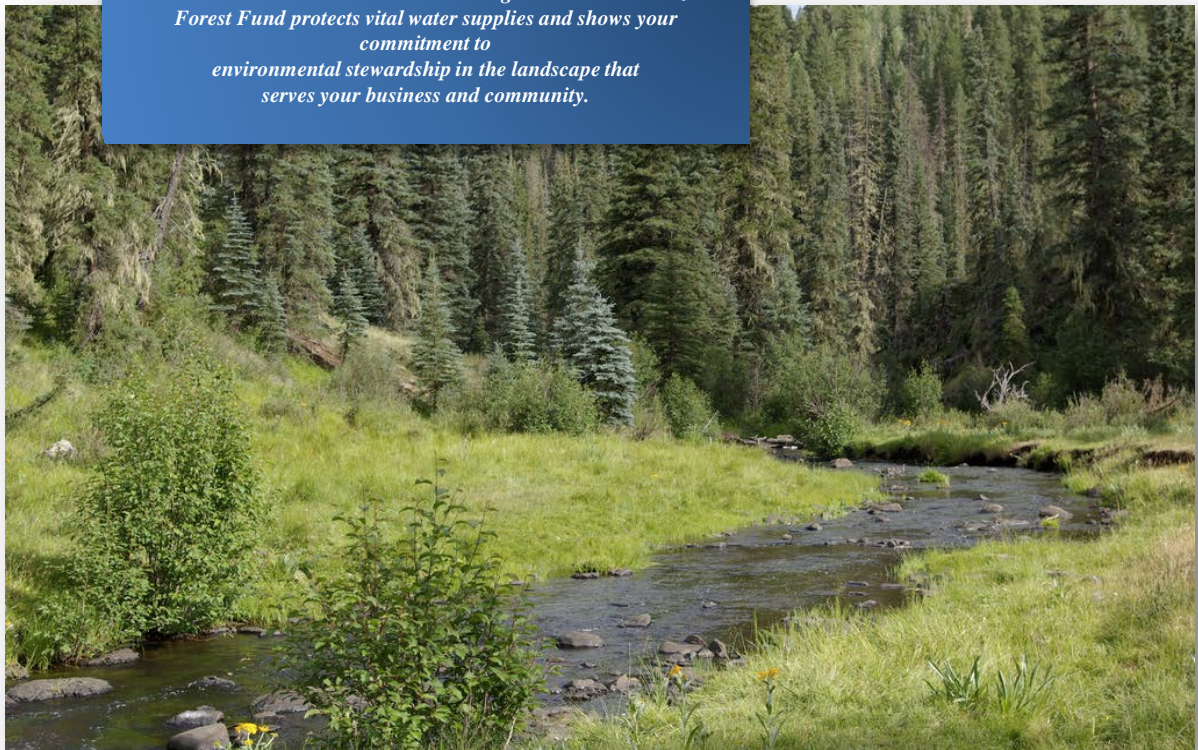
Cost

The cost to implement and monitor the project is approximately \$100,000. With your investment, we can begin repairing this important fence infrastructure that will reduce erosion, protect important wildlife habitat, and support an important watershed that provides Arizonans with vital water supplies.

Location

Wildcat and Boggy Creeks – Apache-Sitgreaves NF - Salt River Watershed

Investment in watershed restoration through the Northern Arizona Forest Fund protects vital water supplies and shows your commitment to environmental stewardship in the landscape that serves your business and community.



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