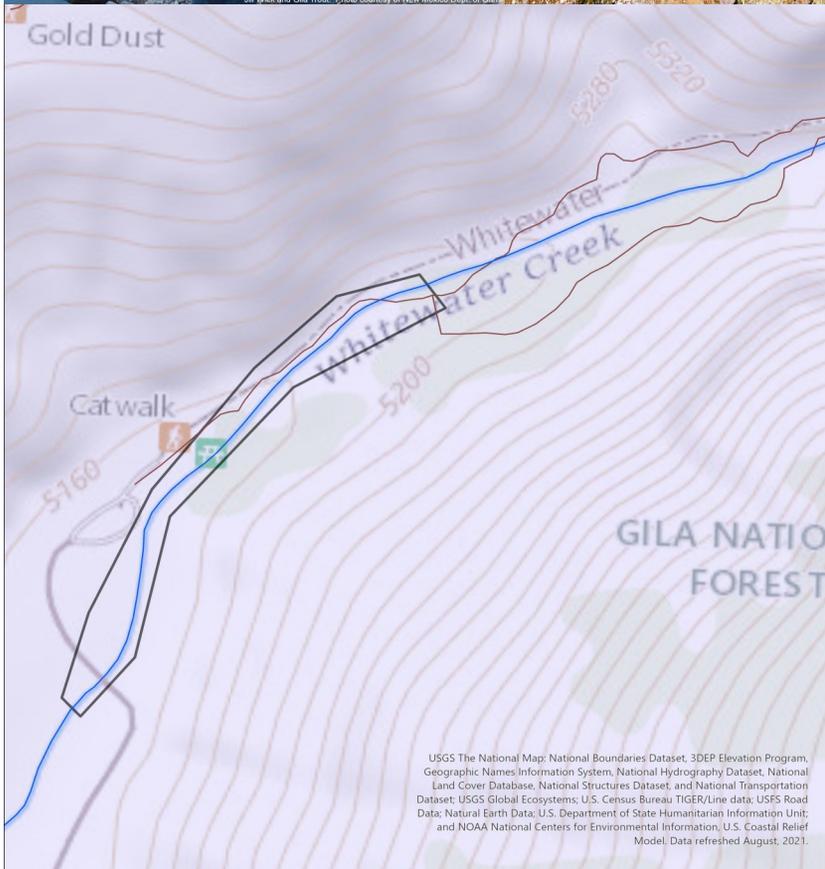




Jill Wick and Gila Trout. Photo courtesy of New Mexico Dept. of Game and Fish.



Whitewater Creek Catwalk Recreation Area Restoration Project Phase 1—DESIGN



Background Information

- Glenwood Catwalk Recreation Area along Whitewater Creek is a popular, easily accessible and unique fishing opportunity in the Southwest portion of the state. There is no grazing in this reach of the creek.
- Whitewater Creek has been a focus for the Department for approximately a decade, as the Department has been involved in Gila Trout recovery actions within Whitewater Creek ever since the White Water Baldy complex fire of 2012. Gila trout were recently released in the upstream portion of this creek and the Catwalk has been stocked with Gila trout since 2018.
- This project will take place in just over a quarter of a mile of the downstream portion of Whitewater Creek.
- The portion of the stream near the Catwalk Recreation Area is in need of restoration activities, including instream channel improvements, creation of pool habitats, and various stream bank stabilization actions which will improve fish habitat. In addition, angler access will be improved.
- Implementation of this project will require the completion of Environmental Analysis, but to start that process we will need to obtain initial restoration designs.

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Proposed Management Action

- NMDGF, in collaboration with the USFS, will contract the initial designs of restoration activities along this section of Whitewater Creek.
- The completed initial designs will be the source planning document upon which the USFS will base its Environmental Analysis for future planned activities.
- Implementation of this entire restoration effort could eventually cost \$1,000,000 or more, but for the initial design we are in need of approximately \$100,000.
- The only deliverable from this project opportunity will be the initial designs.
- [Google earth link](#)

Estimated Budget for HSP: \$100,000