

Using the Power of Sports to Restore Arizona Rivers

WM, The Thunderbirds and tournament water restoration sponsors join together each year to support Change the Course projects that restore water to Arizona ecosystems. Since 2015, we have supported the projects listed below.

400+ million gallons of freshwater restored to Arizona ecosystems

Yavapai Apache Nation (YAN)*

Conversion from high water use crops to low-water use grains for the native beef program on YAN's 50 acres of cropland, improving irrigation efficiency when it breaks ground in 2021.

Tommy's Place*

One of the first drip irrigation systems in the Verde Valley, reducing water withdrawn from the river and setting the stage for scaling up adoption of drip irrigation systems.

Barley Crop Conversion Project*

Switching out of high water use crops during the time of year when river flows are most limited, reducing water withdrawals while scaling up barley production.

Babe's Roundup*

Modernization of the irrigation system and conversion of flood irrigation to a sprinkler system on this restaurant's event grounds, reducing the overall water demand on the property.



Mason Lane Headgate * Installation of an automated headgate system and replacement of an outdated and inefficient irrigation diversion system, enhancing river flows.



Dig Deep Navajo Community Water Supply

Installation of 1,200-gallon poly water tank, indoor plumbing, power connections, and recurring water delivery systems for Navajo families that lack access to water.

West Clear Creek *

Piping of leaky ditch irrigation systems and installation of more efficient sprinkler systems, increasing the reliability of water devilery to farmers and leaving more water for the river.

Tres Brisas*

Modernization of flood irrigation system to a wheel line irrigation system, reducing water diversion and groundwater pumping for this 30-acre ranch, and improving water flow to the Verde River.

Black River

Restoration efforts to generate improved habitat and late-season water supply by storing water in wetlands and recharging the floodplain water table.



Verde Ditch Project*

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Installation of a modern irrigation infrastructure, restoring millions of gallons of water per year to a vital desert ecosystem.



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