

# Prescott Creeks presents *CreeksFest*

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Prescott, AZ (September 20, 2006) – Prescott Creeks is proud to announce its CreeksFest on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Opera House with showings at both 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. The CreeksFest will explore and celebrate rivers and flowing waters. Both showings will include the same set of five films. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$3 for students. They will be available at the door or by calling (928) 445-5669. Each film was chosen for both its visual beauty and for its inspirational and educational look at rivers. The films include:



## **The River Returns**

Travel with the Water's Journey team from the mouth of the mighty St. Johns River to its beginnings deep in the heart of Florida, enjoying striking underwater photography along the way. Like most rivers across the country, it runs through the heart of civilization, where the human and wildlife populations that cradle its banks struggle to coexist.

## **Zoltan**

Will Zoltan, international lover of rivers and "professional" tuber, ever gain respect in the world of whitewater? You can't help but love this guy as he fights the currents of organized danger.



## **The Green Zone**

The riparian zone: as important to the river as the water itself. The strip of vegetation along a waterway is called the riparian zone. A stream and its riparian zone are really a single entity. The riparian zone protects the structure of the stream, maintains water quality, and provides food and shelter for animals and insects. It's as important to the river as the water itself. Over time a river or stream will occupy different paths, moving like a wave pattern traveling down a valley. Periodic floods deposit rich sediments--fertile soil for the vegetation that supports the stream. This video shows that protecting a stream or restoring a river requires preservation of this vital green zone.



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## **The Verde River**

Explore our Verde River. See the beauty of its wildlife and riparian corridors. Travel the Verde and experience the uniqueness and challenges that resulted in American Rivers listing it as one of the top 10 endangered rivers in the United States.

Photo by Michael Byrd © 2006



## **A RIVER REBORN: The Restoration of Fossil Creek**

Fossil Creek is among the brightest jewels of Arizona's Rim Country. After 100 years of diversion it is now reborn as one of the last free-flowing, year-around streams in Arizona, a magnificent ribbon of life in the high desert. Fossil Creek is a startling case study of collaboration in the decommissioning of a hydroelectric facility. It is also the site of one of the most significant watershed-level restoration efforts ever undertaken in the Southwest. This documentary recounts both the natural and human history of the scenic waterway. It introduces scientists who have studied Fossil Creek's outstanding biological and geological features, environmental advocates who have fought for its restoration, federal and state resource managers who are working to establish it as a refuge for threatened native fish, and officials at Arizona Public Service, the utility that ran the hydroelectric facility for a century and voluntarily agreed to shut it down and remove the existing infrastructure.

Photo by Nick Berezenko, courtesy of APS



Prescott Creeks is a local 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization that educates the community about the importance of our creeks and how people affect them. The mission of Prescott Creeks is to protect and celebrate the ecological integrity of the Granite Creek Watershed riparian systems and associated wetlands through conservation, restoration and education. This event will educate the public about the importance of water in our local environment and celebrate the waters around us. Proceeds from CreeksFest will benefit Prescott Creeks as Prescott's voice for riparian conservation. For more information contact Ann-Marie Heins at (928) 445-5669 or [www.PrescottCreeks.org](http://www.PrescottCreeks.org).