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ADEQ Announces \$128,906 Water Quality Improvement Grant to Build Restroom on San Francisco River near Clifton

PHOENIX (April 23, 2013) -- The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality announced today that a \$128,906 grant has been awarded to the Gila Watershed Partnership of Arizona for construction of restroom facilities at a heavily used recreation area on the San Francisco River north of the Town of Clifton in Greenlee County.

The grant is one of four in Arizona this year administered by ADEQ's water quality improvement grant program to address polluted runoff from many different sources. The San Francisco River north of Clifton is impaired for *E. coli*, a bacterium that is an indicator of fecal pollution.

"These funds will help restore water quality and protect human health in a popular recreation area on the San Francisco River," ADEQ Director Henry Darwin said. "Our program has funded more than 100 projects throughout the state and has had a significant impact on improving the health of our waterways."

After construction, the prefabricated restroom will connect to the existing wastewater, drinking water and electric power system and the Town of Clifton and Greenlee County will be responsible for long-term maintenance.

In addition, \$2,000 of the grant money also will fund an elementary education component that focuses on watershed health and water quality issues.

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