



## Mogollon Rim and White Mountains (Updated Jan. 8; Editor Mike Lopez, 928-532-3692)

### Recommended Waters to Fish

Some lakes at the higher elevations are ice covered or partially ice covered, all which should be considered thin ice and unsafe. Highways 273 and 261 are closed for the winter. Fishing is currently good at Patterson Ponds, Show Low Creek meadows, and Silver Creek.

Water	Fishing Rating				Stocked this week 12/25-12/29	Socked last week 12/18-12/22
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor		
<b>Mogollon Rim Lakes</b>						
Bear Canyon Lake			X			
Black Canyon Lake			X			
Chevelon Lake			X			
Willow Springs Lake			X			
Woods Canyon Lake			X			
<b>Pinetop/Show Low Lakes</b>						
Fool Hollow Lake			X			
Rainbow Lake				X		
Scott Reservoir				X		
Show Low Lake			X			
Woodland Lake				X		
Patterson Ponds		X				
<b>White Mountain Lakes</b>						
Becker Lake			X			
Big Lake		Ice	Covered			
Bunch Reservoir			X			
Carnero Lake		Ice	Covered			
Clear Creek Reservoir			X			
Concho Lake				X		
Crescent Lake		Ice	Covered			
Hulsey Lake		Ice	Covered			
Lee Valley Lake		Ice	Covered			NOT STOCKED THIS YEAR
Luna Lake			X			
Lyman Lake			X			
Nelson Reservoir		Ice	Covered			
River Reservoir		Ice	Covered			
Tunnel Reservoir		Ice	Covered			
<b>White Mountain Streams</b>						
East Fork Black River			X			
Little Colorado River/Greer			X			
Show Low Creek tailwater				X		
Show Low Creek meadows		X				
Silver Creek		X				
Sheep's Crossing		Ice	Covered			NOT STOCKED THIS YEAR

## **MOGOLLON RIM LAKES**

**BEAR CANYON LAKE** – Fishing is fair. Roads are still open and the lake was entirely ice free when last checked on December 20.

**BLACK CANYON LAKE** – Fishing is fair. Roads are still open and the lake is entirely ice free. The lake is almost 8 feet below spill and the new boat ramp is still fully functional.

**CHEVELON LAKE** – Fishing is fair for stocked rainbows and wild brown trout. Roads are open and the lake is ice free. Chevelon Lake is a hike-in lake with a two trout limit and artificial fly/lure only regulations.

**WILLOW SPRINGS LAKE** – Fishing is fair for rainbow trout and tiger trout. Roads are still open and the main portion of the lake was ice free when last checked on December 20. The two arms of the lake were ice covered.

**WOODS CANYON LAKE** – Fishing is fair for rainbow trout and fair for tiger trout. Roads are open but the lake was mostly ice covered when last checked on December 20.

## **PINETOP/SHOW LOW LAKES**

**FOOL HOLLOW LAKE** – Fishing is fair for rainbow trout. The lake is ice free.

**RAINBOW LAKE** – Fishing is poor. The lake is ice free, but the lake level is still very low and the weeds are thick in the shallow areas. The fishing pier is not very useful, since it is very shallow off the end of the pier.

**SCOTT RESERVOIR** – Fishing is poor. The lake is ice free, but the lake level is extremely low and turbid due to irrigation releases. Can't launch boats from the boat ramp. Try fishing from the shore with chicken livers on the bottom for catfish.

**SHOW LOW LAKE** – Fishing is fair for rainbow trout. The lake is ice free.

**WOODLAND LAKE** – Fishing is poor. The lake is ice free, but also low and weedy.

**PATTERSON PONDS** – Fishing is good for trout. Rainbow trout were stocked in early December in the upper pond. A regular fishing license or a community fishing license is required to fish here. The pond daily bag limits in community fishing waters (2 trout; 2 catfish; 5 sunfish) apply.

## **WHITE MOUNTAIN LAKES**

**BECKER LAKE** – Fishing is fair. The lake is ice free. The water level is a little low but will hopefully be filled through the winter. Becker Lake is open to catch-and-release only for trout, artificial fly and lure only; single barbless hooks only. No bait. No trout may be kept.

**BIG LAKE** – The lake is ice covered with thin ice. Highways 273 and 261 are closed for the winter.

**CARNERO LAKE** – Roads are open but the lake is ice covered with thin ice.

**CLEAR CREEK RESERVOIR** – Fishing is poor for trout, but fair for sunfish and bullheads. Sunfish can be caught on a size 12 hook with a small piece of worm, in rocky or weedy areas, or black bullhead on the bottom with a size 6 hook and a half or full worm.

**CONCHO LAKE** – Fishing is poor. The lake is ice free but the level is low.

**CRESCENT LAKE** – The lake is ice covered with thin ice. Highways 273 and 261 are closed for the winter.

**GREER LAKES** (River; Tunnel; Bunch) – Fishing is fair at Bunch Reservoir, which is still has open water and almost full. Tunnel is mostly ice covered with thin ice and still very low. River Reservoir was mostly ice covered with thin ice and the water level is still below the boat ramp.

**HULSEY LAKE** – The road is open but the lake is ice covered with thin ice.

**LEE VALLEY LAKE** – The lake is ice covered with thin ice. Highways 273 and 261 are closed for the winter.

**LUNA LAKE** – Fishing is fair. The lake was partially ice covered.

**LYMAN LAKE** – Lyman Lake State Park is open. Fishing is fair for carp and catfish. Use corn or night crawlers for carp and chicken liver for catfish.

**NELSON RESERVOIR** – The lake is ice covered with thin ice.

## **WHITE MOUNTAIN STREAMS**

**EAST FORK of the BLACK RIVER** – Fishing is fair. Roads from Alpine are still open.

**LITTLE COLORADO RIVER in GREER** – Fishing is fair. There may be some skim ice on pools in the mornings.

**SHOW LOW CREEK TAILWATER** – Fishing is poor.

**SHOW LOW CREEK MEADOWS (COMMUNITY FISHING WATER)** – Fishing is good at this new Community Fishing Water located at the Show Low Bluff trailhead in Show Low. The stream is currently ice free and anglers are still catching trout that were stocked in early December and an occasional bass. Bait can be used, but daily bag limits are 2 trout, 2 catfish, 1 bass (minimum size 13”) and 5 sunfish.

**SILVER CREEK** – Fishing is good. Seasonal Catch-and-Release regulations (with artificial lure and fly only with single barbless hooks) are in effect and will continue through March 31. All trout must be released immediately and please use proper catch-and-release techniques to ensure the trout survive after swimming away. The upper section is now open.

**SHEEPS CROSSING/West Fork LCR** – The stream is covered with ice and Highway 273 is closed for the winter.