

A River Reborn

The Restoration of Fossil Creek



A Powerful Case Study in Human Cooperation and Environmental Healing



A RIVER REBORN tells the story of the decommissioning of Arizona's first hydroelectric dam and the restoration of a biologically critical watershed. It takes viewers behind the scenes of a 15-year struggle over the future of Fossil Creek and shows how conflicts between environmental advocates and a major utility were resolved in the interest of environmental protection and healing, with a significant assist from a group of scientists at Northern Arizona University.



The story is set against the broad reassessment of rivers and dams now occurring across the U.S. As a focal point for this reassessment, Fossil Creek reveals both challenges and opportunities associated with river restoration. The documentary also highlights the critical role of science in restoring native fish populations in Fossil Creek and in environmental restoration projects generally. Running time: approx. 57 minutes.



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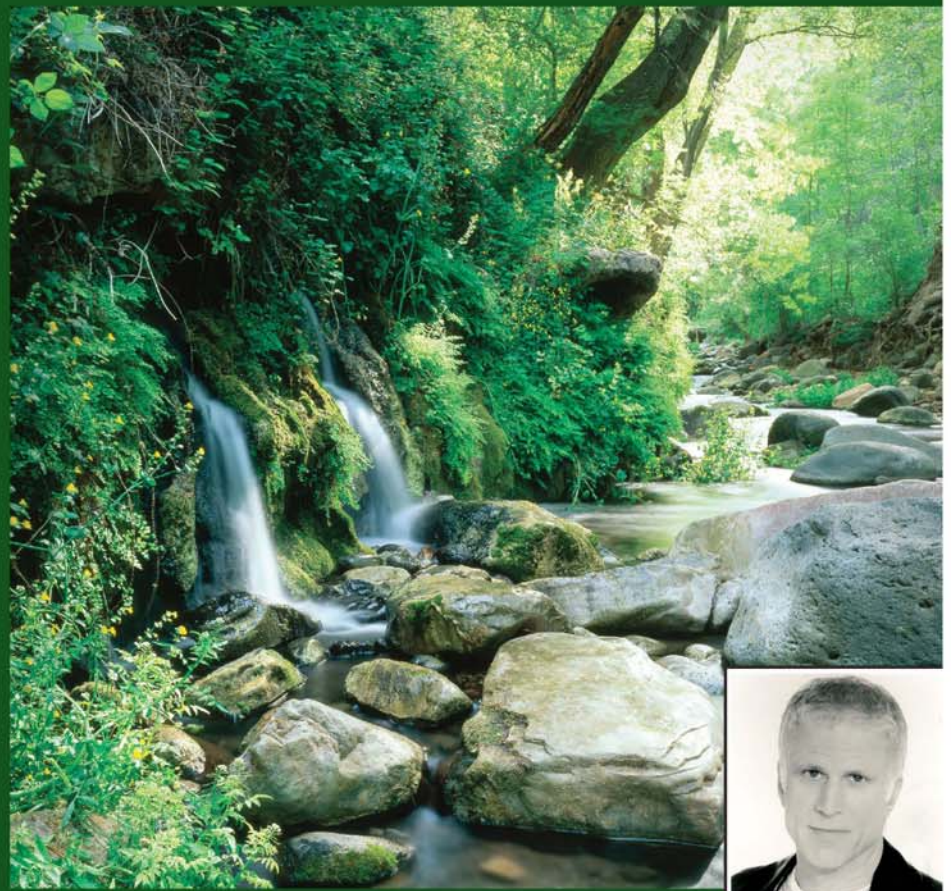
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Narrated by Ted Danson

"Fossil Creek is a national treasure." —Andrew Fahlund, American Rivers

"We can find other ways to generate electricity. We cannot find other perennial streams in the desert." —William Post, Chairman, Arizona Public Service

"This appears to be a win-win situation. It can serve as a model for this kind of decommissioning of small dams throughout the U.S." —Jack Stanford, University of Montana

