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Short Description: The inspiring rebirth of a biologically critical river in Arizona is recounted in *A River Reborn: The Restoration of Fossil Creek*. The one-hour documentary examines the ecological effects of a dam and hydroelectric facility on the waterway and chronicles the 15-year effort that led to decommissioning.

A River Reborn is a powerful case study in environmental restoration. It is emblematic of a broad reassessment of rivers and dams globally, as well as the growing effort to balance fulfillment of human needs with protection of the natural systems that support human life. This includes the safeguarding of precious water resources and the protection of threatened and endangered species. As a focal point for this reassessment, Fossil Creek reveals both challenges and opportunities associated with riparian restoration.

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Tag: **On-screen text** at base of rolling credits: for more information:
www.RiverReborn.org
Voice-over near beginning of credit roll: " For a copy of this program please visit River Reborn dot org."

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Producer: Joint project of Northern Arizona University, the Museum of Northern Arizona, and Paul Bockhorst Productions.

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Long Description:

The moving story of the rebirth of a biologically critical river in the Southwest is recounted in *A River Reborn: The Restoration of Fossil Creek*. The one-hour documentary describes the natural and human history of Fossil Creek, examines the ecological effects of a dam and hydroelectric facilities there, and chronicles the 15-year process that led to decommissioning. Produced by Emmy Award-winning producer Paul Bockhorst. Narrated by Ted Danson.

Situated in the high desert of Arizona, Fossil Creek has nurtured a rich diversity of life for millennia. In 1908, however, the water was diverted to generate electricity. Now, in a historic turnaround, the hydroelectric facilities are being decommissioned and the river returned to its natural state.

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A remarkable feature of the story is that the decision to decommission was reached without litigation. Environmental organizations, state and federal agencies, and Arizona Public Service reached a comprehensive agreement through constructive engagement. The result is a notable “win-win” settlement. Thus Fossil Creek provides a rare and encouraging example of the cooperative resolution of environmental disputes.