



# ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES AT BARTLETT DAM: EXPLORING IMPACTS

**FEBRUARY 19, 2026**

**2–3:15 pm**

**ENR2, S107 and on Zoom**

Please register in advance here:



Register here for an in-person  
student lunch opportunity with  
Haley 2/19 from 12–1 pm:



In this talk, Haley will discuss the Verde River Watershed and the Bartlett Dam enlargement proposal that could increase water supplies and affect habitat. The Verde River is one of Arizona's few remaining rivers that flows year-round. Its watershed includes Tribal lands, state parks, trails, national monuments, national forests, and diverse ecosystems. There are also two major dams and reservoirs on the Verde River: Horseshoe and Bartlett.

Audubon Southwest and The Nature Conservancy in Arizona launched a StoryMap website to introduce users to the watershed and potential projects that could impact habitats and restoration opportunities:

[Exploring the Verde River Watershed from the headwaters down to the Valley of the Sun.](#)



**Haley Paul** is the Senior Director for Policy at Audubon Southwest. In this role, she distills complex natural resource policy and water management issues to demonstrate why policy is important and how it impacts rivers, lakes, groundwater supplies, and wildlife habitat. Working with partners, Haley seeks to improve the water outlook in Arizona and in the Colorado River Basin. She previously worked for UA Cooperative Extension and the Town of Gilbert water department.



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