# TIGHT LINES

NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER
TROUT UNLIMITED

MARCH, 1987

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER - THE WEATHER IS MODERATING, (IT SNOWED LAST NIGHT!) THE FLY BOXES ARE FULL, AND ARTICLES ON TROUT FISHING IN GEORGIA ABOUND.

# MARCH MEETING NOTICE

THE MARCH MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE RABUN COUNTY LIBRARY, CLAYTON, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24TH. AS USUAL, SOCIAL HOUR AND TROUT STRETCHING WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 AND THE MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.

WE ARE REALLY PLEASED TO HAVE STEVE MOORE, FISHERIES BIOLOGIST FOR THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK, PRESENT OUR PROGRAM. STEVE WILL SPEAK ON TRENDS OF TROUT POPULATIONS IN THE PARK. MUCH OF HIS WORK HAS A DIRECT APPLICATION TO OUR NATIVE TROUT RESOURCE IN GEORGIA. IF YOU WISH TO HAVE DINNER BEFORE THE MEETING, CONTACT DOUG ADAMS (746-5310 HOME - 746-2158 OFFICE) OR JEFF DURNIAK (947-3112 HOME - 754-5782 OFFICE). LET'S HAVE A REAL GOOD TURNOUT!

# WATERS CREEK

AS SOME OF YOU KNOW, OUR CHAPTER ASKED A COMMITTEE OF MEMBERS TO GO OVER TO WATERS CREEK IN ORDER THAT WE MAY HAVE SOME INPUT TO ANY CHANGES FOR THAT STREAM THAT ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION. WE WILL HEAR FROM THOSE MEMBERS.

#### FEBRUARY MEETING

JEFF DURNIAK, GAME AND FISH BIOLOGIST AT THE LAKE BURTON HATCHERY, EXPANDED ON HIS AND RUSS ENGLAND'S PAPER, "DYNAMICS OF RAINBOW TROUT POPULATIONS IN SMALL HEADWATER STREAMS". JEFF THREW A LOT OF INFORMATION AT US, BUT WHAT CAME ACROSS TO YOUR EDITOR IS THAT HABITAT OR CARRYING CAPACITY IS LIMITED IN OUR FREESTONE STREAMS. THE RAINBOWS ARE HOLDING THEIR OWN WHERE FOOD AND WATER CONDITIONS ARE RIGHT. DOUG ADAMS AND JIM NIXON LED A DISCUSSION OF THE U.S.F.S.'S PROPOSED PATTERSON GAP MA 4 IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT. A GROUP OF 10 MEMBERS MET EARLIER AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE U.S.F.S. THAT REFLECTED THE VIEWS OF OUR CHAPTER. A LETTER CONTAINING COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS WAS SENT TO THE FOREST SUPERVISOR IN GAINESVILLE.

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### FROM NATIONAL

EVERYONE IS GETTING INTO THE CREDIT CARD BUSINESS - INCLUDING TU! FOR DETAILS, READ YOUR SPRING ISSUE OF TROUT. THE CARD IS FREE TO TU MEMBERS BUT YOU STILL HAVE TO PAY FOR MERCHANDISE AND SERVICES CHARGED. RATS!

# QUOTES FROM OTHER CHAPTERS

FROM THE CHATTAHOOCHEE CHAPTER -

"IN 1981, GEORGIA'S RAINFALL WAS, ON THE AVERAGE, OVER 30 TIMES MORE ACIDIC THAN UNPOLLUTED RAIN..." FROM THE NORTH GEORGIA CHAPTER -

"WHEN ONE TUGS AT A SINGLE THING IN NATURE HE FINDS IT'S ATTACHED TO THE REST OF THE WORLD"....JOHN MUIR

#### RAFFLE ITEMS

IN ANTICIPATION OF A GOOD CROWD FOR THE MARCH MEETING, WE NEED SEVERAL ITEMS FOR OUR MONTHLY AUCTION.

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