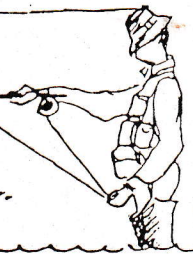


TIGHT LINES



NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER
TROUT UNLIMITED

JANUARY 1988

JANUARY MEETING NOTICE

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will meet on January 19th at the Rabun County Library. Social hour will begin at 6:30, the meeting at 7:00 PM.

The U. S. Forest Service has begun a new and radical redirection, encouraging and promoting fishing in our national forests. Our own Jim Kidd, USFS, will present this month's program, "Rise to the Future", with emphasis on how it should effect us in the Rabun County area.

We would also like to finalize any recommendations our members have regarding an open season for trout fishing in Georgia.

DECEMBER MEETING

At the December meeting we caught up on some good videos, reviewed our chapter's accomplishments during the past year, discussed the pros and cons of an open season and gave some thought to the upcoming workshop on Brown Trout.

TROUT PLANTING

Back in December before the "Big Snow", nine chapter members met member Jeff Durniak DNR streamside. (For directions contact Jim Nixon) We then backpacked 4000 Brown and Rainbow fingerlings into the more remote areas for release. The trout made the trip with no apparent ill effects and seemed joyous in their new home. This small effort took a minimum of time and if it proves beneficial we will do it more often. Thanks to all who helped: Jim Kidd, Pat Hopton, Glen Littrell, Jim Nixon, Tomy Short, Jeff Durniak, Doug Adams, yours truly and our newest member, Glen Anderson.

ORW UPDATE FOR CHATTOOGA RIVER BASIN

1) Outstanding Resource Water status for the Chattooga Basin is now being evaluated by the N. C. Dept. of Environmental Management. 2) We will know by mid-March if the state will hold public hearings.

BIG CREEK SITUATION

A Permit has been issued for the NPDES discharge into Big Creek; but, "authorization to construct" has been placed on "hold". pending ORW classification for the Chattooga River Basin.

CHATTOOGA RIVER JETPORT

Well now trout fisherman, how does this sound to you? A 5000 foot runway airport for light conventional and jet aircraft located on a ridge just outside the Wild and Scenic River Corridor near US 76 and the Chattooga River. At this time nothing is finalized but the USFS has given permission to the Rabun County officials to study the site. Presumably, there will be room for many other support services for all those wishing to experience the wilderness.

DATELINES FOR 1988

Feb 4-7 National TU Board Meeting in Atlanta
Apr 22-23 Reed Creek Project (Friday night campout
and Saturday work) Date to be confirmed by
Jim Kidd
Apr 28,29,30 Brown Trout Workshop & TU SE Regional Meeting
& May 1 in Asheville
May 6&7 Chattooga River Spring Bug Collection

TROUT UNLIMITED AND THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on December 4, 1987, between TU and the USFS. The agreement encourages the development of joint trout and salmon habitat improvement projects in our nation's national forests. The USFS manages 128,000 miles of stream plus 2.2 million acres of lakes and reservoirs as well as 16,500 miles of coastline - 50% of the trout and salmon habitat in the United States.

TU leaders are already meeting, or have met, with USFS officials planning site specific projects.

PERSONALLY SPEAKING

Believe it or not this snow will be gone and the tree buds will begin to swell. As for me, I've ordered my leader material, waders to replace those destroyed on the Chattahoochee this Fall and have finished reading my trout books recieved for Christmas. I'm ready to do the real thing. Thanks to all of you for your support - TIGHT LINES!

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