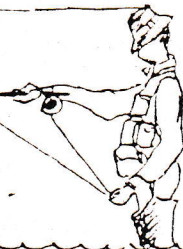


TIGHT LINES



NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER

TROUT UNLIMITED

MARCH, 1988

MARCH MEETING NOTICE

The Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will meet at the Rabun County Library, Tuesday, March 15th. Social hour begins at 6:30 PM, followed by the program at 7:00 PM.

Russ England, Fisheries Biologist with the Georgia DNR will join us and lead discussions on:

*Effects of reservoirs on Trout Streams (Keenen Creek)

*Update on Waters and Noontoola Creek (Trophy and special regs streams)

WORK OUTING

Glade Road in the Hedden/Reed Creek watershed needs our help or the trout downstream do. All who can possibly make it are asked to meet at the USFS office in Clayton, Thursday, March 17th at 4:00 PM. Grass seeding, fertilizing and mulching is the order of the day. WE NEED YOU!

STREAM IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP

A workshop on the philosophy and techniques of stream improvement will be held at the Lumpkin County Library in Dahlonega, Saturday, March 19th, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The library is located in the new county complex with the new courthouse, Hwy 52 E, about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the square. The remainder of the day will be spent on Jones Creek evaluating the 85 structures built over the past three years. Actual structure work will not be involved but TU members should bring lunch, warm clothing and waders. If you wish to attend, call John Haldeman, 898-2798 or 2799.

RABUN CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP SLIPS

Our membership has decreased 7.1% from our August '87 level. With a nationwide drive now on, perhaps this is the time to renew your membership if you haven't done so and for each of us to try and sign up one new member.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 17	Heddon/Reed Creek Work Project
<i>MARCH 19</i>	<i>Rutherford Creek</i>
April 15-16	National Conservation Banquet & Clinic
	Atlanta - Chattahoochee Chapter
<i>April 23</i>	<i>Reed Creek</i>
April 28, 29, 30	Brown Trout Workshop and Southeastern
May 1	Regional Meeting in Asheville
<i>May 6-7</i>	<i>Chattooga River</i>

FEBRUARY MEETING

As noted in the February TIGHT LINES, Jim Herrig USFS was to address our members. He promised to name a stream in Colorado that out produces the Frying Pan and tell us why. He did. Our thanks to Jim for sharing this information with us and we pass it on.

PERSONAL OBSERVATION

Recollections of times spent on pristine trout streams are usually of quiet and private moments attempting to outwit a wily Brown or admiring the coloration of a native "Speck". Since my association with fellow Rabun Chapter members, my thoughts include another element to this scenario. "WHAA-HOOING" or "WHOO-HAAING" To some this may seem a discordant note but to these ears it isn't. After much thought I've decided that this exclamation of joy really has little to do with catching a trout. It's simply a declaration of "now", or "the present". Yesterday is gone and tomorrow is far away. When you are wading your favorite stream, mayflies coming off the surface in great numbers, the water is clean and bright and you are surrounded by the beauty of woods and mountains, you celebrate. You are here, you are now and you are present!

WHOOOO -HAAAAAA!!!

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