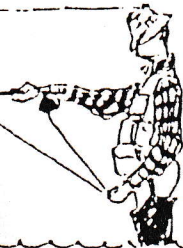


# TIGHT LINES



NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER  
TROUT UNLIMITED

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## RABUN CHAPTER HEADS FOR THE WOODS

Our next monthly meeting will be held on Friday, September 22nd, at the Double Bit Camp between the Ridley Branch and Hedden Creek. The exact time will be determined by how quick it gets dark and the last surveyor returns from the River. The meeting will get underway after the evening meal of Poisson Frais, Pain de Mais, Mais et Fromage and chilled Chateau Carbonnieux. If this doesn't work out we'll have fried fish, hush puppies and RC Cola. Be sure to let Jim Nixon, Doug Adams or myself know if you plan to have dinner or breakfast the next morning.

## WORKOUT ON HEDDEN CREEK SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 23RD

After a restful night of lie telling and story stretching led by Bill "Game Hawg" Kelly, a sumptuous breakfast will be served in preparation for the workout. We really need a good turnout to get as many structures in place as we can so please come. Our previous work has really made a difference in the stream bed so lets keep it up.

## SEEHORN SEEKS SHOCKERS STREAMSIDE

Monte Seehorn, Fishery Biologist, USFS, turkey and grouse hunter, is calling for TU members to meet him and other Forest Service, DNR personnel at the Stumphouse Ranger Station in South Carolina, on October 2 at 9:00 AM. Plans are to "run and gun" the Chattooga in the Pig Pen area on Monday and spend two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, shocking above Big Bend. If you can get away this is really fun and interesting - and your help is needed.

## RABUN RATES RAVES, RAKES IN REWARDS

SILVER TROUT AWARD - On Saturday, August 19th, the Chapter was presented the Silver Trout Award at the Trout Unlimited National Annual Meeting in Asheville. This honor is presented to the chapter judged to be the best in each region. Our region, the Southeast, consists of sixty-seven chapters in thirteen states. Not bad for a bunch of "good old boys". Since our President, Jim "Nugget" Nixon, chose to go fishing of all things on that weekend, Monte Seehorn accepted the award on behalf of the Chapter.

TALLULAH RANGER DISTRICT RECIEVES STATE AWARD - The Forest Service unit based in Clayton was recognized by the Georgia Chapter of the Soil & Water Conservation Society of America for their work in the district. As many of you know the Rabun Chapter helped our Forest Service friends in a lot of this work. Congratulations Tallulah Ranger District!

JIM KIDD, USFS, TALLULAH RANGER DISTRICT & RABUN CHAPTER MEMBER went to Washington, D. C. recently to accept another award but got off on a trip west of Hiawassee (What's so interesting about west of Hiawassee) before I could contact him for the details. Come to the meeting and work outing and Jim will tell you all abut it.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome to new member Philip Koch of Gainesville. Thanks for renewing to: Jim Kidd, Dave Schmidt, Ned Wetherill and John Woodward. The following Haven't renewed and we need you: Glen Anderson, Teddy Bennett, Kyle Burrell, Walter Chastain, Richard Davis, Sid Dennis, Joe Luke, David McElroy, Elizabeth Anne Sisk, Doug & Darren Volk and Charlie Wharton.

### CHATTOOGA RIVER CHAPTER TO HOLD NATIONAL CONSERVATION BANQUET

Our brothers across the river, the Chattooga River Chapter are holding their first National Conservation Banquet on October 24, 1989, in Clemson, South Carolina. Dinner tickets will be \$20 each and raffle tickets can be purchased from Jim Nixon or by contacting the below address. It should be a fun evening and is for a most worthy cause - TROUT! Tickets can be ordered in advance from: Art Shick, 26 Beacon Ridge Circle, Salem, S. C. 29676.

LET'S GET UP A BUNCH AND GO!!!

### BULL PEN ROAD & CHATTOOGA RIVER BRIDGE GET FACE LIFTS

Beginning late this month, the USFS will be repairing Bull Pen Road and the bridge. Laurie Shortess, District Ranger, Highlands Ranger District, expects no direct impact on the Ellicott Rock Wilderness and the bridge should be out for no more than two weeks. Ms Shortess also advises that an additional 318 miles of trail will be constructed along the Chattooga from the Bull Pen area upstream, cross Cane Creek. This trail will rise at one point 250 ft. above the river bed, affording great views of Bull Pen Mountain and the Chattooga Cliffs.

### WYCHE FOWLER (D-GA) TRYING TO CUT FEDERAL FUNDS FOR LOGGING ROADS

Staff writer, John Harmon, in an article dated September 3, 1989, Journal-Constitution writes that the USFS plans to build 20 miles of road per year over the next 50 years to open up three fourths of the 750,000 acre Chattahoochee National Forest for logging. Senator Fowler, Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry has called for a \$65 million or 30 per cent reduction in the agency's road construction budget.

### ACID IS KILLING STREAMS IN SOUTHERN BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS

The EPA states that according to their most recent studies, acid is affecting our Southern Appalachian Streams. Most of the study took place in western North Carolina. They further state that they do not consider any of the streams "dead" or "acidic". Huh?

### FOREST SERVICE AND TU TO HOLD JOINT MEETING IN DALONEGA

Bobby Bell, of the Georgia Council of TU has announced that a meeting of the USFS and TU will take place at the library in Dalonega on December 9th beginning at 9:00 AM to discuss solutions to some of the problems encountered with attendance at joint work projects during the past two years. Bell requests that two representatives of each chapter attend this planning meeting.

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