

# TIGHT LINES

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Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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## LOVE IN A FREESTONE STREAM SUBJECT OF OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited will take place on October 19th at the Rabun County Library in Clayton. As usual, the meeting will begin at 7:00 after a short social at 6:30. Sharon Wilson, TU member and U. S. Forest Service type person has arranged for Dr. Jerry West, School of Arts & Sciences at Western Carolina, to talk with us regarding the "Interaction Between Rainbow and Brook Trout in Southern Appalachia" or "Making Love Piscatorial Style in the South". Both talks are X rated and are complete with explicit pictures of trout in their most private moments. (I've thrown this last sentence in the wild hope that there will be a representative number of members present.)

## POPCORN CREEK PROJECT GETS UNDERWAY

I'm almost ashamed to report on this project, but it would certainly be unfair to the FIVE members who did show up and with the help of Forest Service/TU project regulars, Doug Watson, Francisco Sanchez and summer intern David Reed, made some real progress on upper Popcorn Creek. In addition to the structures already in place by David, two constrictor type structures, and a couple of deflectors were added. Doug and David had already winched cut to length logs into their approximate positions. All that was left to do was to dig into the banks through the rock and roots, wrestle the logs into their final position after clearing a good bed and pounding steel to hold them in place. Rocks filled in the structure. A silt fence was installed to reduce the amount of sediment washing down the campsite road and through the camp into the creek. Thanks to Chris, Mike, Bill, Nugget, David, Francisco and Doug Watson, it really does make a difference.

Our September meeting was held on Friday nite. There were six of us. We decided nothing. One, Chris Hogelin, Mike's son, while not officially a member of the chapter was a most welcome contributor to the comaradire and the work project on Saturday. Walt Landreth, Bill Kelly, Mike, Doug Adams and myself filled out the campfire circle. Adams and Walt had other commitments on Saturday, but we were joined by Nugget Nixon Saturday morning.

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*Sorry for the brevity, I got caught a little short on time. There wasn't that much to report anyway.*