

TIGHT LINES



NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

APRIL 1998

APRIL MEETING

Dr. David Van Lear, Clemson University, will address the chapter on prescribed burns and the effects on the water quality. Dr. Van Lear is no stranger to the Rabun Chapter and as in the past, his presentation will hold your attention and be informative. So, mark April 21st, 6:30 PM on your calendar and plan to be at the Rock House, Clayton, Georgia for our monthly meeting. Remember also - NO CHAPTER MEETING IN MAY.

MARCH MEETING

We had a good turn out to hear Jimmy Harris talk about his new operation over on the Chattahoochee just south of Helen. Unfortunately, Jimmy got things a little mixed up and planned to come the following Tuesday. He apologizes to all who were there and will probably stop by at a future chapter meeting to fill us in. Henry Williamson told us of what he knows about this newest pay to fish section of water. In a nut shell, it'll cost you \$150 to wrestle with some very large and strong trout. A fraction of what it costs to go West!

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME Allison Adams, Brooks Adams, Travis Barnes, Frank Cooley, John Hoppes, Ray Kearns and Nathan Serritt to the Rabun Chapter. We are glad to have you with us!

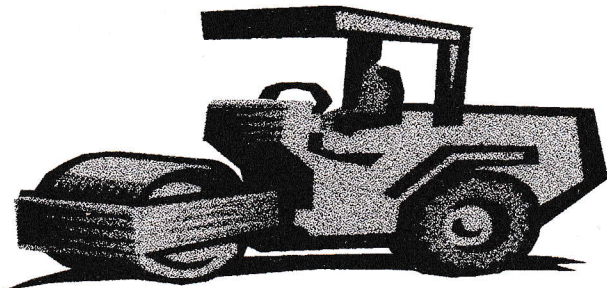
And THANK YOU to Dave Arnold, Robert Brockmann, Kyle Burrell, Tom & Jane Dickerson, John Martin, Don Stenhouse and Fritz Vinson for renewing their memberships.

The following members have been suspended. If you get this newsletter, we want you to know we need you back; if any members are friends, give them a call and invite them to renew: Doug Burgess of Hartwell, Edmund Mkniesel of Morganton, Greg Smith of Loganville, Steve Burch of Marietta and John Toupin of Clayton.

MEMBERS - CHECK YOUR EXPIRATION DATE ON YOUR CARD AND DON'T LET YOUR MEMBERSHIP LAPSE

BURRELL'S FORD ROAD BACK ON THE RECONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Good news! The scheduled reconstruction of Burrell's Ford Road is back on the active list. Reconstruction designs have been worked out and bids will soon be let. Let's hope this now moves forward to completion with a minimum of delays. Oh yes, you might be patient this spring and or summer as the work is done. You might want to consider coming in to the river from the South Carolina side once work commences.



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NEWS FROM THE FOREST

CHIEF OF THE FOREST SERVICE

On January 6, 1997, Dr. Michael P. Dombeck became the 14th Chief of the Forest Service. Some of the highlights of Dombeck's career: doctorate in fisheries biology and recognized for outstanding leadership in developing and implementing fisheries programs and forging partnerships; he has served as National Fisheries Program Manager, Regional Fisheries Program Mgr., Fisheries Biologist with the Forest Service; and in private life, a fishing guide. With this partial outline of Dr. Dombeck's background, his views on managing the Forest Service as outlined below is not surprising and certainly welcomed by members of Trout Unlimited.

FOREST SERVICE RESOURCE AGENDA FOR 21ST CENTURY

This agenda serves as Chief Dombeck's statement of commitment and emphasizes four areas: watershed restoration and maintenance; sustainable forest ecosystem management; forest roads; and recreation. President Clinton's 1999 proposed budget reflects support to the agenda's priorities by forecasting more than \$120 million in new spending on watershed protection and restoration.

Highlights from the Chief's statement:

Watershed restoration and maintenance. "the oldest and highest calling of the Forest Service," and will be the overriding priority of forest planning and management.

Managing sustainable forest ecosystems. *Opposes calls for a "zero-cut" policy.*

A new road policy is critical. "Building a new forest road requires a short-term outlay of cash. Funding its maintenance over time, however, requires a long-term financial commitment". The President's budget proposal to Congress includes a 26 percent road maintenance increase, and a 66 percent increase in major improvements to forest road bridges.

Improvement in the Forest Service recreation program. "Forest Service managed lands provide more outdoor recreation opportunities than anywhere else in the United States." Proposals have been made to increase recreation funding by \$20 million and increase funding to enhance opportunities for fishing, hunting, wildlife viewing, and conservation education, and to accelerate the conversion of unneeded roads to trails

CAMPOUT & WORK PROJECT APRIL 24-25 UPPER REED CREEK



We will be doing maintenance work on the structures already in stream near Burrell's Ford Road where it crosses Reed Creek. We should get started about 9AM, Saturday. Those who plan to camp out Friday night should bring their own food and hopefully, it will all mesh together with others who are there. Here's how to get there: From Clayton, Warwoman Road, cross the West Fork of the Chattooga continue to Hwy 28; turn right on Hwy 28 and go about 1.5 miles to Burrell's Ford Road (FS 646) on your left. It is about 5.0 miles on Burrell's Ford Road to Reed Creek which runs through a large culvert. As soon as you cross the creek, turn left on a single track road, cross Ridley Branch, turn back to the left and you are at what we call Double Bit Camp. Some of us will be there as early as Thursday.

THANK YOU TO RENDEZVOUS CONTRIBUTORS - A PARTIAL LIST - MORE NEXT MONTH

The Dillard House	Kyle Burrell	Jones Music Radio Shack	Bill and Jean Kelly
Reeves Hardware	Doug Adams	Helen Roberts	Russell Johnson
Leroy Powell	June Landreth	Rabun Gap Nacoochee School	
Bo Mentzer	Backyard Gardening	Fish Hawk Fly Fishing School	
Reeves Furniture	Terry Seehorn	American Bag & Linen Company	

MORE ON FOREST SERVICE PROPOSED ROADS POLICY

In a recent address to the House of Representatives, Chief Dombeck made several points in addressing the need to change the Forest Service policy concerning roads in the forest. Minimizing and reversing the adverse environmental effects erosion, landslides, and degradation of wildlife habitat and water quality roads often cause must be undertaken. Secondly, decommission unnecessary and unused roads. The environmental effects from existing roads are more extensive than previously thought and increase stream sedimentation, with associated reductions in aquatic habitat productivity and water quality. The public's comments on the proposed and existing road policy within the forest is encouraged.

Chief Dombeck needs our support. Write or E-mail your senator and representative in Washington. Here in Rabun, your Senators are Max Cleland (D) and Paul Coverdale (R), and your representative is Nathan Deal (R). Contrary to popular belief, they do pay attention to the wishes of the people who vote.

RABUN CHAPTER NAMED TO "THE RIVER GUARDIAN'S CIRCLE"

Check out page 11 of Trout Unlimited's Annual Report in your current issue of "Trout" magazine. Our chapter is recognized for our contribution to the objectives of Trout Unlimited. Thanks to all the membership for their help this past year.

FLY SHOP NEWS

LOOP TO LOOP



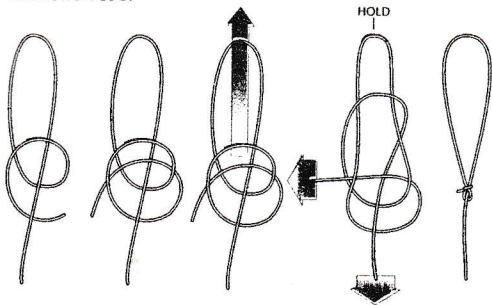
While not a fly shop per se, **Reeves Hardware** in Dillard has an excellent selection of flies and other flyfishing gear. Drop in and check them out - and the price is right.

Also, **Lewis Reeves**, Chapter member and manager of the Dillard store, made us a great deal on a 8' 4wt graphite fly rod that the Rabun Chapter donated to the Foothills Chapter for their TU Banquet. The winner, Butch Martin tried it out the next day and loved it. He's going to try it out in Wyoming this summer.

If you need a new rod and don't want to spend a lot of money, try this one out.

And, thanks Lewis, for helping us out again!

PERFECTION LOOP



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For making loop to loop connections between flyline and leader. Lots easier than tying one on each time

KLEIN MEMORIAL FUND UPDATE

The Fund has received contributions from Doug (Clone) Atkinson and Russ (Doc) Burken. The membership has received the following note from the family of Phil Klein: "Dear Friends, I am sure you know how much Phil loved to fish the Chattooga River. He would be delighted that you are stocking the brown trout by helicopter. Thank you for the fine tribute to him. Sincerely, Mary Lou Klein". If you want to make a tax deductible contribution, make your check payable to "Rabun TU" for "Klein Memorial Fund" and mail to Rabun TU, PO Box 65, Rabun Gap, GA 30568

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

- April 13 USFS Public Meeting on the themes for the Forest Management Plan revision - Gainesville College
- April 21 Chapter Meeting - Dr. David Van Lear, Clemson University; "Prescribed Burns and Effects on Water Quality"
- April 24/25 Campout and Work Project at Upper Reed Creek
- May There will be no Chapter Meeting this month. Go fishing!
- May 2 Kids Fishing Day - Black Rock Mountain State Park
- June 16th Chapter Meeting - Tom Massie - North Carolina Water Quality Program
- July 21st Lee Keefer, Georgia DNR will update us on the State's Trout Plan

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