

TIGHT LINES



NEWSLETTER OF THE RABUN CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

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SHOCKING NEWS ON THE CHATTOOGA RIVER

You may have already heard this but it is the responsibility of this editor to keep you up to date with all the news on the trout front that is fit to print. Mitzi Perdew, USFS, informs me that she needs us - the Rabun Chapter - at **Burrell's Ford Bridge, on July 21st and 22nd** to assist in the shocking of certain sections of the river. We need to rendezvous at the bridge at **9:00 AM, both days**. Yeah, we know that this is during the week but if you can help with this project you will be greatly appreciated.

If you can make it, wear waders. At least waist high, preferably, chest high. It isn't that the river is cold. For those of you who haven't done this before, the current from the shocking wands can give you a little shock that will make your hair and other things stand on end. This is short notice, but your help is needed and you will get to know the river and all the things that live in it a little better. Might bring lunch too.

LEE KEEFER DISCLOSES WHERE THE BIG ONES ARE

Lee Keefer, Fisheries Biologist, Lake Burton will bring us up to date on the Department of Natural Resources new Trout Management Plan, at our monthly meeting on **Tuesday, July 21st at the Rock House in Clayton**. Refreshments and tall tales start about 6:30 PM, Lee will take the floor about 7:00 PM. If you have suggestions regarding the direction of the Trout Management Plan, now is the time to make your wishes known.

TOM MASSIE ADDRESSES RABUN TU

At the Chapter's June meeting, Tom Massie, Western Field Representative, Clean Water Management Trust Fund of North Carolina, outlined his groups activities on behalf of clean water in North Carolina. The fund was established by the NC General Assembly in 1996. Revenues accumulated by the Fund are allocated in the form of grants to local governments, state agencies and conservation non-profits to help finance projects that specifically address water pollution problems.

They look for projects that (1) enhance or restore degraded waters, (2) protect unpolluted waters, and/or (3) contribute toward a network of riparian buffers and greenways for environmental, educational, and recreational benefits.

Our interest in the CWMTF's activities is in how we can influence the State of Georgia in the event the citizens pass the Georgia Heritage Trust referendum that will appear on the November ballot this year. This referendum, in brief, calls for an increase from \$1.00 to 2.00 per thousand dollars in the Real Estate Transfer Tax.

CWMTF's web page: <http://www.cwmtf.net>

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

July 20th and 21st - Shocking of the Chattooga River, USFS and chapter members; 9:00 AM at Burrells Ford Bridge both days. Bring your chest highs and lunch!

July 21st Monthly Chapter Meeting, Rock House, Clayton
6:30 Guest: Lee Keefer, Georgia DNR "Trout Management Plan"

Plan now on participating in the work project and camp out on Reed Creek in September. Details will be provided at our meetings and in the next issue of Tight Lines.

Rabun Chapter on the Internet: "WWW.tu.org", then click on chapter news; our chapter number is 522



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