



TIGHT LINES

April May 2000

Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Chapter Meets at Rabun Gap Nacoochee School in May

The pavilion on Indian Lake, Rabun Gap Nacoochee School will be the site of the meeting on May 16th, at 6:30 PM. A picnic supper will be served up by Chefs Seehorn & Breithaupt for a small fee. Be sure

and bring your fly rod for some expert instruction. If you are coming north from Clayton, turn on Wyatt Rd, 1.1 mi pass the Exxon station in Rabun Gap. From the north, .3 mi past the Post Office.

Campout / Work Project On Reed Creek

The work project came off on Saturday, April 8th and we managed to get the work done before the thermometer took a nose dive. A great turnout of chapter members and a few visitors enabled us to get the maintenance work done in quick order. Those of you that have worked on Reed Creek over the years would have appreciated how well the structures have held up and how great they blend in with the surrounding habitat. One mid stream cover log was pinned in; rock was piled in and around some existing deflectors; rhododendrum were hinged and positioned in the stream to catch debris, creating food factories;

and, a couple of logs were repositioned.

While the stream is not the easiest to fish, forget double hauling, it is a great nursery and rearing ground for some mighty beautiful Brown Trout

It's a while before the next Chapter work project. Hope you can make it because you will be glad you did.

As usual, the weather was a participant on our outing. A couple of guys moved into Double Bit on Tuesday and more drifted in during the week until Friday night we had a flull blown campout. It was freezing early in the week, downright hot by Friday and threaten-

ing snow on Saturday morning. Is this a great place to live or what! On Friday night our entertainment in the great room was Jim "Nugget" Nixon, accompanied by Terry Rivers. Jim and Terry picked a little, "Nugget" sang a lot and then finished up the evening with a reading on "defabrication". Thanks, Jim and Terry for a fun evening.



FISH FLASH!! The fishing was really good. Especially in those streams where the rocks were all around and there were trees on both sides of the stream and the water was running downhill.

Rabun Chapter Schedule of Coming Events

Tue May 16	Chapter Meeting - Indian Lake Pavillon on the RGNS Campus. Fly Casting Clinic. Family Night
Fri Jun 9	Streamside Teaching Session Burrell's Ford 6PM
Sat Jun 10	Tallulah River Kids Fishing Day
Tue Jun 20	Regular Meeting - Forest Plan up date by the USFS
Tue Jul 18	Regular Meeting - Pot Luck Supper at Bill Kelly's Mud Creek Picnic Area, featuring "Rock Dancing for Macroinvertebrates", Family Night
Tue Aug 15	Regular Meeting - Outdoor Health, CPR, by Russ Burken, MD and regular guy. Summer Interns
Tue Sep 19	Regular Meeting - "The Flies of Autumn" and the leader set up for using them
Sep 22-24	Work Project & Campout, Chattooga River Watershed. Details later
Tue Oct 17	Regular Meeting. "Guides Night Out"
Tue Nov 21	Regular Meeting. Chattooga River Watershed Restoration Project Update - USFS
Tue Dec 19	Christmas Dinner at the Dillard Rock House. Most definitely Family Night

Incentive Program..Keeping track

Remember to keep track of earned points. You are awarded one point for attending a meeting; 4 pts for a work project; sign up a new member, 2pts; bring a youngster under 16 another point; present a program you get 2pts; attending DNR, USFS and TU Council Meetings gets you another point. We will undoubtedly come up with other criteria but

this should get you started.

For each point, you receive a ticket that goes in a big container. At the annual Rendezvous one name is drawn for a really nice prize, say a complete rod & reel set. You are on your honor to keep up with your points. Retroactive to January 2000!

News from Trout Unlimited

White River National Forest's Trout Streams Under Attack Take Action Now!

The future of Colorado's prized trout fisheries and the ecosystems that sustain them..including the Blue, Eagle, Frying Pan, and Roaring Fork rivers...will be seriously compromised if developers and Colorado politicians are allowed to rewrite the White River National Forest Plan, scheduled to conclude its public comment period May 9, 2000. The U. S. Forest Service's White River draft management plan has become the target of opposition from interests anxious to drain even more water out of the already stressed river system.

Because the White River's management plan is the first* of many plans for major forests that will affect the nation's fisheries, it is important to make a stand now. The White River is the country's fourth largest forest, and in the top five for recreational use. If we can't protect streams on the White River we may not be able to protect them anywhere else in the nation.

TAKE ACTION NOW by urging the Forest Service to reassert its duty to monitor and maintain the flows needed to sustain healthy trout fisheries. With just a click of a button and a minute of your time, you can send a strong message in support of the Forest Service's draft management plan as part of the official comment period.

To register your comments, and read more about the issues, go to:

<http://congress.nw.dc.us/cgi-bin/alertpr.pl?dir=tu&alert=12>

If you aren't on the internet, write:

Land Management Planning Team
Old Federal Building
P O Box 948
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601
(303) 945-2521

Family Night at Indian Lake

Tuesday, May 16th, 6:30 PM

Indian Lake Pavilion, RGNS

Picnic Supper Furnished For a Small Fee. Casting demonstrations and expert (?) instruction. So, bring your fly rod and bring your spouse, girl friend, boy friend, kids and let the good times roll.

NO SWIMMING IN THE LAKE, SORRY!



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