TIGHTLINES

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Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

AREA FLYFISHING GUIDES TO PRESENT CHAPTER PROGRAM IN OCTOBER

Several of the area's flyfishing guides will be on hand Tuesday evening, October 17th, at the Rock House in Clayton, to let you know of their services and how to work with a guide.

Hopefully, the Chapter will not be displaced from their regular meeting place as was the case last month. About twenty members gathered on the lawn by the waterfall as another group had been scheduled by the city to use the facility. Luckily, the weather cooperated but we were hampered by low light conditions towards the end and so we broke up a little earlier than usual.

Meeting time is 7:00PM with a social hour beginning about 6:30.

HOLCOMB CREEK PROJECT COMPLETED

Despite a low turn-out, several members of the Chapter, with Doug Watson of the USFS in charge, tackled a refurbishing project on a large K dam on Holcomb Creek.

The stream passed beneath the existing structure instead of over the top as intended. All rock, and some of them were real dandies, had to be moved away from the structure to make room for the "hog wire" to be stapled in place on the upstream side of the dam. Sediment trapping cloth was then secured on top of the wire. Once these two elements were in their proper place, all the rocks were moved back into position and reinforced with more from the stream bed.

Before the project was completed, Holcomb began creeping up and trickling over first one spot then another until the pool was full and pouring over the top. It looks good and should provide holding and feeding spots for a lot of trout. Thanks to Doug Adams, Bill Kelly, Tom Landreth, Terry Seehorn, Frank Tolbert and, of course, Doug Watson for a job well done.

While the campout on Thursday and Friday nights was also low in participants, those of us who braved the rain were repayed with some excellent fishing and outstanding food. Grilled fresh Alaska salmon one night, compliments of Gene Roberts, roasted chicken, western omeletss etc mede up our meager fare.

After the work project on Saturday, Frank decided to survey Holcomb Creek. I understand Adams pointed him in the right direction about one thirty in the afternoon and he stumbled out about 9:30 PM in the general area of his vehicle. While a little hair raising, Frank says it was one of his very best days fishing for trout! Also, he is now intmately familiar with a larger section of Holcomb Creek. (Frank, it gets dark about 7:30!!!)

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