



TIGHT LINES

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Newsletter of the Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited

CHATTOOGA WATERSHED UPDATE AND RENDEZVOUS BUSINESS IN NOVEMBER

The Chapter will meet on Tuesday, November 21st at the Rock House in Clayton, Georgia, beginning at 7 PM, after the social hour at 6:30.

All members are urged to make this meeting as we will finalize some of our Rendezvous plans so that we will not have too much, if any, business to discuss at the annual Christmas dinner meetin on December 19th at the Dillard House.

Hopefully, the Forest Service will be on hand to bring us up-to-date on what has been going on with the Chattooga Watershed program.

You are also urged to make sure you have the family Christmas dinner down on your calendar. It would be helpful is we can get a count on those planning to attend.

NEITHER RAN NOR FLOOD NOR DARK OF

night will keep some members of the Chapter from their appointed tasks. After weeks of no or little rainfall, the skies opened up and on Thursday morning, November 9th, Doug Adams, Gene Roberts, Tom Landreth, Monte Seehorn, Harlin Smith, "Doc" Burken, Bill Kelly joined with the Burton Hatchery staff and Doug Watson of the USFS, to prepare some 20,000 Rainbow fingerlings for their annual trip to the Chattooga River.

Terry Seehorn and his young folks from Rabun Gap Nacoochee School were scheduled to come in on Friday, along with any others who could make it, to

finish the job.

The rain continued unabated all morning, but the Hatchery folks had set up the operation inside so it was relatively dry.

After a great lunch of deerburgers, pork and beans, peach cobbler and such, it was decided to suspend the operation as the water coming in was stained and the fish seemed to be under some stress. It was hoped the project could continue Friday as the date for the helicopter stocking was already set.

Thanks to all who lent a hand, including George who drove all the way over from Mineral Bluff. Thank you!

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

A nominating committee made up of **Charlie Breithaupt, Travis Barnes and Tom Landreth**, would really appreciate a call from any who would like to hold office in the chapter or coordinate one of the several activities we get involved with each year.

If this plea falls on deaf ears, we hope

you will be prepared to answer the call when it comes. We had two volunteers at the last meeting. **Doug Adams** will continue in his role as Forest Service liason and **Doc Burken** took on the job of Secretary.

We must elect or reelect a President, a Vice President and a Treasurer. We



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need to appoint or accept someone to handle **Membership, Programs, Events Coordinator**, and yes, **newsletter editor**. The elected officers and coordinators make up the board for the chapter.

So come on, let's hear from you. We have a lot of stuff going on and the more the work is spread out, the easier it is on everyone

CITY OF CLAYTON CHANGES ROCK HOUSE POLICY

The Clayton city fathers have dealt us a bad hand. Beginning in January, all groups using the Rock House must pay a rental fee of \$25 per meeting plus a \$25 deposit for any necessary cleanup. Plus, a group cannot reserve the facility for more than three months in advance.

Since the chapter moved over to the Rock House from the Rabun County Library (due to construction) we have

contributed \$100 each year to defray the Rock House expenses. This was voluntary and all groups using the facility have not done so.

We are casting about for a new meeting site. If you have any suggestions please give Terry Seehorn a call. Some chapters meet at local restaurants...is this an option with our group?

RENDEZVOUS DONATIONS NEEDED FOR SILENT AUCTION AND BUCKET RAFFLES

Bill Kelly 746-1204 and Maria Rodeghiero 782 1846 are coordinating our efforts to contact local merchants and individuals who might be

willing to donate. Keep them posted on how you are coming with your contacts. Don't have any? Check with Maria or Bill.

Rabun Chapter Schedule of Coming Events

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
Ths Jan 04	Special Meeting to Finalize Rendezvous Plans
Sat Jan 06	Rabun Rendezvous at the Dillard House

DELORME AND TU SPECIAL OFFER TOPO USA

You are probably familiar with Delorme's topo maps. They are readily available in fly shops, sporting goods and book stores...usually in bound state by state editions. They are a necessity if you are searching out some remote stream in unfamiliar country.

Now they have the whole country available on CD's and have made these available through

TU at 50% off the regular price of \$99.95. The chapter ordered ten and eight of them were spoken for at the last meeting. So that means that there will be two left. If we have no takers for the remaining two, they will be offered as items at the Rendezvous.

If you want to see a FREE online demo, just go to www.tu-topousa.com.

RABUN TU SUBMITS RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS ON THE ROLLING ALTERNATIVE FOR THE CHATTOOGA WATERSHED AND TALLULAH RANGER DISTRICT

After a lengthy discussion of the issues, the chapter agreed to the comments and recommendations on the Rolling Alternative as it relates to the Chattooga Watershed and the Tallulah Ranger District.

These recommendations have been forwarded to the Georgia Council of Trout Unlimited, who are gathering the comments from the other chapters within the state. This will, hopefully, result in a unified position by TU as we enter the next phase of the Land Management Plan for the Forest Service.

The views submitted are the views of the chapter as a whole. Should you have com-

ments and recommendations to the Rolling Alternative, you are urged to contact:

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CHARLOTTE FLYFISHING SHOW

This will be the third year for the Charlotte Fly Fishing Show and it has been so successful, they have expanded it to three days...Friday, Saturday & Sunday, February 16, 17 and 18.

Casting demonstrations, flytying, outdoor

clothing and equipment are some of the exhibits on display in the Charlotte Convention Center. Some really good deals are available at the show so if you want to look over a lot of stuff in a short time, plan on attending this year