

The Cutthroat

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Lead Lines..... *From the President*

Here it is, April 26, 2011. Three days from the deadline set by Editor-extrodinaire, Kel. I know my procrastination must drive him crazy (I think I've only been early once and I normally get numerous gentle reminders). BUT, my procrastination may have finally paid off. A couple of new issues, which could impact this chapter, emerged from the mist this week.

First, BLM just released their draft of the new Resource Management Plan for the Big Horn Basin.

The plan outlines four different approaches to try and balance mineral and environmental needs. Here are the four options in a nutshell.

Option A would continue the current management practices and policies with a few minor changes.

Option B swings mostly toward conservation management. This option preserves the most land for wildlife and scenic values, designates new areas of critical concern and further restricts motorized travel.

Option C pretty much gives away the farm and favors industry largely at the expense of conservation.

Option D (BLM's preference) tries to strike a balance between environmental protection and resource development. This option slightly increases conservation but also lists areas that would be managed primarily for oil and gas. It would also allow six wilderness study areas to remain open to motorized travel while closing four.

I would encourage you all to go to the BLM website for the Cody office to review the proposed options for the management plan. Comments can be made until late July. Remember, whichever option they end up choosing, it will set their management policies in the Big Horn Basin for the next 20 years.

The second issue is in regards to the Paul Stock Trail improvement. There is a possibility that we may have to cancel our scheduled work day on the Paul Stock Trail. We only have a couple of hundred feet of trail left to develop.

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Please send any and all contributions for the next issue to: The Cutthroat editor via email at:

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were courtesy of:
Chris Nielsen, Ellie Wiser
and Jacqui Thomas**

Lead Lines continues...

Thirty feet of that is on Paul Stock property managed by the Buffalo Bill Historical Center (BBHC).

Unfortunately the BBHC has declined to give us permission to work on their section of property and now has concerns with sections we have already improved.

Dave Sweet, myself, Andy Whitman, and Rick Manchester plan to meet with Paul Brock next week to hopefully resolve any issues that the BBHC may have.

We will have more information for you, for both BBHC and BLM, at our May meeting. Until then, try to navigate around this "spring in the Rockies weather" and get some good stream time in.

Rich

Conservation Update
Bob Capron, Conservation Chair

Everything is on schedule for the Timber Creek vegetation project on Saturday May 7th. I hope we have a bunch of people show up to help, there are a lot of things to plant. I am going to have a conference call on Thursday April 28th to make the final plans with Field and Stream and the photographers so everything is coming together.

The meeting place will be Rocky Mountain Sports at 8:00, lunch and drinks are furnished. Bring rubber boots if you have them(hip or knee), and gloves.

We will use the water jet stinger to plan some cuttings but there are bare root scrubs that will need to have holes dug for them. I have plenty of shovels

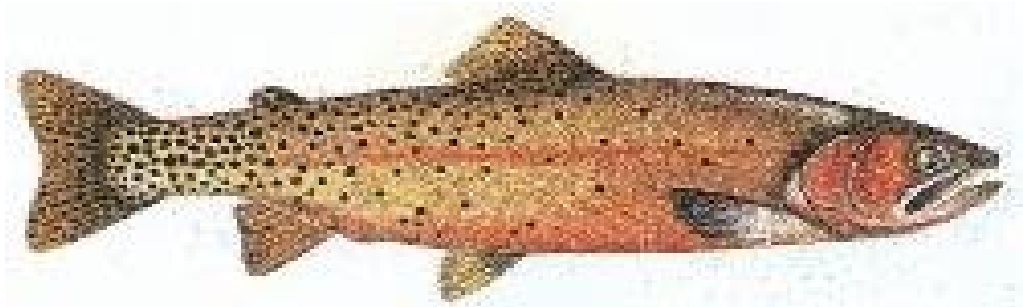
but if you have one that really fits your hands bring it.

Some chapter members have helped Jason and Tommy get the Trout in the Classroom Program started in Meeteetse. We tagged some fish, learned about telemetry equipment, and identified bugs.

This same group of students will come help plant the cuttings and scrubs at the Timber Creek Project. The information we get from the tagged fish will be very helpful in planing future projects in the Greybull River drainage.

Start thinking about a summer campout and fish fry. Chris has some ideas to get started on and we can make final plans at the June Picnic.

Bob C.



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Meeteetse Adopt-a-Trout



*Jason explains what he's about to do.
And then does it below.*



E.Y.T.U. Website Update

Lorna Anderson - Webmaster

Web Pages on Smart Phones

People check email and web pages more often on smart phones than they do on computers. Member suggestions about new technology and the use of Facebook have helped us keep pace with ever increasing chapter activities. Many thanks to members who are helping keep EYTU easily visible on new devices.

EYTU Happenings.....

May 2-5

Middle School Fishing - Beck Lake

Contact Ellie at 527-6947 to volunteer or for more information

May 7

Timber Creek Vegetation Project.

Volunteers needed to replant native shrubs. Wear gloves & bring lunch. Be there and become eligible to win Field & Stream's Hero for a Day! Contact Jason Burckhardt, jason.burckhardt@wgf.state.wy.us. or Bob Capron, conservation@eastyellowstonetu.org

May 12

EYTU Monthly Meeting

6:00 p.m. Sunset House Restaurant

May 13-15

State Council Meeting

Lander, WY

May 21 (tentatively)

Paul Stock Trail Building.

Watch for time and details to volunteer.
Contact Dave Sweet.
Public welcome.

June 4

Kids' Fishing Day - Beck Lake Park.

Chapter Volunteers needed to help with casting, knot tying, fishing skills.
Contact Ray Zubic(307)527.6241.
Children invited!

June 9

EYTU picnic

Time and location to be determined at the May EYTU monthly meeting

June 11

Casting Clinic. Cody Recreation Center, 1400 Heart Mountain Street.

Volunteers needed to help. Contact Chris Nielsen.
Free to the public of all ages.

New EYTU display boards available for use by Chapter members



We now have portable display boards, as pictured, and various other items that can be used at meetings, presentations, or wherever a TU display is appropriate. Contact Lorna, 587-3950 or Ellie, 527-6947 to make arrangements. Advance notice for the board's use will be appreciated.

Did You Know.....

The dollar value of a volunteer hour in the State of Wyoming for 2009 (most recent year reported) was \$18.36.

More Meeteetse Adopt-a Trout



Dave explains stream dynamics with this really cool diorama.



Let's see what lurks beneath. Entomologically speaking, of course...

And finally....



Life, as well as rivers occasionally makes unexpected twists and turns.

Thanks to all sending contributions and pictures for this issue. The next issue will be published July.1, Please continue sending your fishing tales, pictures or favorite fly recipes to:

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Our Mission:

"To conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds (...and have fun doing it!)."



Cooper Lane Trail to the Shoshone River, Cody, WY—
Built by EYTU Chapter volunteers, allowing better fishing access.