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Greetings:

It seems like such a long time since our last meeting in May, but it really isn't. Bob Zuellig gave a talk about fishing the high country with emphasis on fly fishing Rocky Mountain National Park. His talk has since inspired some of us to venture to the high lakes and streams that make our state unique. Thanks to Dave Mohr for the fly tying demonstration, it was a great hit with the membership.

Our lineup of programs for the following year is beginning to shape up but if anyone in our club has a program or knows of some one that does and would like to present it some Wednesday evening to our club, please contact either myself or Rick Bauer. General meetings will begin again on September 10th.

Our annual chapter family picnic will be held at Sylvan Dale ranch on September 21. Please make every effort to attend. I can think of no other activity that our club does that offers so much chance for families, and in particular the sons and daughters of our membership, to spend quality time together. The last two years the weather has been beautiful and the fishing exceptional. A donation is requested from families attending to offset expenses. Beverages and food will be provided as usual. Everyone is welcome to bring a side dish to add to the mix. We will provide casting and flyfishing instruction for those who ask. Fishing will be flyfishing only with barbless hooks. There will be much more information on this event in the next newsletter as well as at our meeting in September.

We are also looking for volunteers to man (or woman) a booth and help out with flycasting instruction at the Poudre River Fest on September 13th at Martinez Park. This will be an all day event, so shifts of volunteers are needed. If you can help, please contact Tom Post at home 221-9478, or work

The Board and officers of your club have been meeting throughout the summer working on a variety of club activities. I will have a complete update in our next newsletter.

I hope everyone has had some opportunity to get out and enjoy our fine environment. We are truly blessed in this part of the state to have such fine water. Until next time, have a wonderful time on the water. - Thank you - Tom

Update on Bypass Flows [Taken from the July '97 CTU *Updater* President's Report] Once again Senator Wayne Allard is attempting to resolve the conflict between TU and the Forest Service over whether the Service must require bypass flows in perennial streams below water developments on Forest Service lands. As you may remember, we faced attempts in the 104th Congress to gut the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and to trade the lands underlying these reservoirs for some wilderness inholdings.

At the end of the session, a compromise was reached in which a study panel (known as the Water Rights Task Force) was assigned to study the issue and report its findings back to Congress in 18 months. The task force is scheduled to complete this report in August. In the meantime, Senator Allard, apparently unwilling to wait for this report and the outcome of our lawsuit, has again introduced a land-swap bill that would allow the water developers to operate the projects without requirements for either conservation pools or bypass flows. The bill also contains "sufficiency language," which eliminates the need to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on endangered-species impacts.

On June 18, in my capacity as TU Bypass Flows Coordinator, I testified before the Senate Subcommittee on Forests and Public Lands Management that TU unequivocally opposes this bill (S. 541). A companion bill has been introduced by Rep. Bob Schaffer, and is winding its way through the House. The Natural Resources Committees of both houses are dominated by Western interests, most of whom oppose the use of federal authority to protect the environment. We need your help to defeat these bills.

Please write to your Representative and both Senators stating your opposition to this land trade. Even though Sen Allard and Rep. Schaffer introduced these bills, TU members in northeast Colo-

rado should let them know where you stand. They need to know that significant segments of their constituencies oppose their "solution" to this issue -Richard Domingue

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WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE OR SCARCE AND DIRTY? (FFF July ClubWire)

There is one very fundamental truth about the quality of our fisheries. If we have sufficient quantities of high quality water, the conservation battle is at least half won. In some parts of the U.S. fisheries suffer because water is diverted and lost. In general, in the western world our lifestyles demand more water than is truly necessary. Many of us choose to live where water is very scarce. In other areas, water is degraded with chemicals and runoff. Unless we view water as a precious commodity and not just a disposable necessity, water problems will continue. Here are some unedited facts about water in this human-dominated, water-dependent world.

DISTRIBUTION OF WATER:

- Water covers nearly three-fourths of the earth's surface.
- The overall amount of water on our planet has remained the same for two billion years.
- The five Great Lakes form the largest fresh surface water system in the world.
- If all the water in the Great Lakes was spread evenly across the continental US, the ground would be covered with almost 10 feet of water.
- Most of the earth's surface water is permanently frozen or salty.
- Over 90% of the world's supply of fresh water is located in Antarctica.

HUMAN NEEDS AND CONSUMPTION:

- The average person needs 2 quarts of water a day. Most people drink less than this.
- A person can live without food for about a month, but

only about a week without water.

-- The average single-family home uses 80 gallons of water each day in the winter and 120 gallons in the summer. Showering, bathing and using the toilet account for about two-thirds of the average family's water usage.

--Per capita water use in the western US is much higher than in any other region, because of agricultural needs in this arid region. In 1985, daily per capita consumption in Idaho was 22,200 gallons vs. 152 gallons in Rhode Island.

--About 6,800 gallons of water is required to grow a day's food for family of four.

--Eighty percent of the fresh water we use in the US is for irrigating crops and generating hydro-electric-power.

-- While dining in restaurants last year, Southern Californians drank enough water to fill more than 12,000 swimming pools.

-- It takes about 6 gallons of water to grow a single serving of lettuce. More than 2,600 gallons is required to produce a single serving of steak. It takes almost 49 gallons of water to produce just one eight-ounce glass of milk. That includes water consumed by the cow and to grow the food she eats, plus water used to process the milk.

CONSEQUENCES OF WATER PROBLEMS

Each day almost 10,000 children under the age of 5 in Third World countries die as a result of illnesses contracted by use of impure water. About a billion people in the world lack reliable access to water.

WELCOME TO OUR CHAPTER'S NEW SECRETARY SUE KRUETZER

On August 18-20, a very dedicated group of fly anglers, fish biologists, fishery managers and administrators will get together for the sixth meeting of the Wild Trout Symposium. This is where the most knowledgeable trout "experts" offer their opinions and data. Ideas and information shared at this conference influences trout fishing all over the world. In 1974, a small group of biologists and anglers gathered to talk about programs and research related to wild trout and that was Wild Trout I. Until this year, this conference was held in Yellowstone National Park every 5 years, growing each time in numbers and importance. Due to increased interest and a number of rapid developments, that cycle has been shortened to 3 years and the conference will be held at Montana State University to accommodate the increased numbers of participants. .

If you have a sincere concern about the survival of wild trout, be it bull trout, rainbow trout, cutthroat or brookies (as well as their many uniquely evolved subspecies) this is the conference for you. Trout populations from all over the U.S. and the world will be discussed, from the wild steelhead of Kamchatka to the brook trout of the Southern Appalachian Mountains. The roles of federal agencies like the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service will be presented and openly discussed. Restoration and preservation of native species varies from coastal cutthroat in the Pacific Northwest to coaster brook trout in Lake Superior. Wild trout in tailwater and other man-made waters will also be considered as well as the most recent scientific data on the influence of barbless hooks. Of course, one of the many important topics will be the recent developments in the ever-spreading problem of whirling disease.

Wouldn't you like to see who is deciding on important trout-related policies and maybe even offer your opinions? Moreover, this is a conference where the discussions are not limited just to the formal settings. Those attending will be together, intensively for 3 ½ days, with lots of chance for one-on-one informal conversations at meals, cocktail hours and coffee breaks.

Do you want to attend Wild Trout: VI? The Federation of Fly Fishers is a major co-sponsor of these Wild Trout meetings. Marty Seldon, the FFF representative to the Symposium is on the Organizing, Program, Awards Committee, and would be more than willing to answer any questions you may have. He can be reached at (408) 736-5631 or you can e-mail him at mmseldon@aol.com. Other information on the conference is available on the web at <http://www.montana.edu/wwwcf/> (and select WT VI). The conference has a modest fee of \$150 and that includes luncheons for 2 days, a banquet and a Barbecue, as well as an opening reception, and refreshments during morning and afternoon breaks. Housing is available as cheaply as \$65 for three nights (including breakfast). If you have questions about how to register or any other administrative

details, you can contact the registration office via e-mail at [<acfh@msu.oscs.montana.edu>](mailto:acfh@msu.oscs.montana.edu) or telephone at (406) 994-3333.

Partial List of WWW fishing sites: (found at ldecuir@utkux.utcc.utk.edu)

Colorado - Bob's Fly Tying <http://www.inetmkt.com/bobs.index.html>

Colorado, Chaz Clover's Page <http://www.usa.net/~chaz/Homepage/chaz.html>

Colorado - Columbine Outfitters, CO <http://www.aescon.com/misc/columbine/weekly/firhrep.htm>

Colorado River Guide Service <http://www.fish-colorado-river.com/>

Colorado - Dan's Fly Shop <http://www.xmission.com/~gastown/flyfishing/dans.html>

Colorado - DNR <http://www.dnr.state.co.us/wildlife/fishDOW.html>

Colorado - Discount Flies & Tackle <http://www.crcnet.com/flyfishing>

Colorado - Duranglers <http://http://www.creativelinks.com/recreat/Duranglers.htm>

Colorado - Gorsuch Outfitters <http://vail.net/gorsuch-outfitters>

Colorado Fishing Federation <http://www.canocreek.com/CFE/cff.htm>

Colorado Fly Casting <http://www.concentric.net/~Newleaf/>

Colorado (S) FF'ing Page <http://meteor.uscolo.edu:8002/fish.html>

Colorado Flyfishing Page <http://www.ofps.ucar.edu/~john/fish/>

Colorado - Mountain Angler <http://www.summitnet.com/la/mtnangler>

Colorado - Oxbow <http://www.aspenonline.com/aspenonline/directory/recre/sponsors/oxbow/dir/fishingcondtn.html>

Colorado - Roaring Fork Anglers <http://www.RFAnalers.com/>

Colorado - Rocky Mtn. FF'ing Page <http://www.xmission.com/~gastown/flyfishing/>

Colorado State Entomology Site <http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/Entomology/ent.html>

Colorado - Vail Daily Fish & Rivernet <http://www.realinfo.com/real/vailfishnet.html>

Colorado - West Fork Guide Serv. <http://subee.com/westfork/home.html>

Calendar of Events

General Meetings Wednesday, Sept 10th

Board Meetings August 18th

General Meetings are always at the University Park Holiday Inn at 6:30 PM the second Wednesday of the month.

Board Meetings are held at the County Cork at 7:30PM on the Monday following the general meeting. The Board meeting is open to all members.

If you have any suggestions for the next newsletter please contact Ken Eis.

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