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March Meeting

The Tuckaseegee Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its regular monthly membership meeting on Tuesday, March 2, at 6:30 PM at the United Carolina Community Bank located on highway 107 south in Sylva. The meeting room is at the rear of the building.

Jackson County Manager, Ken Westmoreland will speak to the chapter about Jackson County's position regarding the FERC re-licensing process and the County's reasons for refusing to sign the stake holder agreement.

Members and other concerned persons are cordially invited to attend our meeting. The Tuckaseegee Chapter is made up of members from Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain counties.

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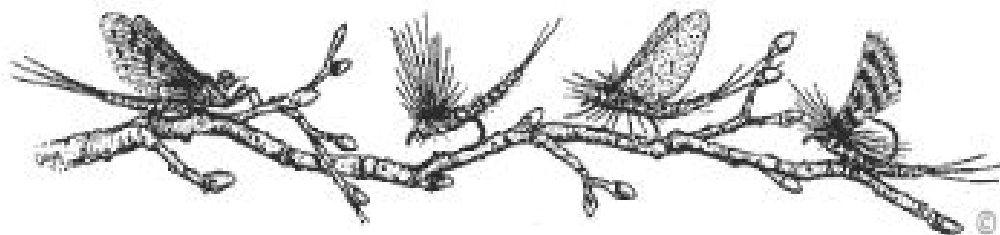
The Bush Administration revoked protection for over 9 million acres of pristine roadless forest in Alaska's Tongass National Forest before the holidays. The southeastern Alaska forest had been protected from road-building under the "Roadless Rule."

The decision to allow commercial logging in the roadless areas of the famed Tongass has sparked strong opposition from a range of organizations and interests. Over 450 gun clubs from across the country signed a letter to the Forest Service emphasizing the world class fishing and hunting resources threatened by roading and logging in the Tongass. The Forest Service has received nearly a quarter of a million public comments from around the country on the Tongass, with all but 2,000 of them calling for protection.



Roading and logging has already taken a toll on the Tongass. More than 4500 miles of logging road already crisscross the forest, and the Forest Service and Alaska Fish and Game Department have determined that 66 percent of road culverts across salmon and steelhead streams do not provide adequate fish passage, while 85 percent of culverts across resident fish streams are inadequate.

While the decision is official, TU leaders can help by contacting their elected leaders and asking them to support protecting all of our nation's public lands roadless areas from road-building. For more information visit publiclands.tu.org or contact Wildlands Fisheries Coordinator Sam Mace at smace@tu.org.



Little River Chapter Plans Trout Festival

The Little River Chapter of Trout Unlimited is hosting the 1st Annual Trout Festival in Townsend, Tennessee, June 5th & 6th, 2004 at the Townsend Visitors Center. A Festival Banquet & Live Auction will be held on Saturday Night June 5th. Tickets will be available for purchase prior to the festival weekend.

This festival is a fund raiser to continue preserving and protecting the rivers and streams in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Trout Unlimited plans to raise money through the booth rentals and on the banquet & auction. Talk of a casting contest is also on the table. All proceeds will be used for Cold Water Conservation in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Little River Watershed. The Townsend Visitors Center will be the site and the crew that organizes local festivals through the Chamber of Commerce have offered their expertise to help us make this a great event!!!! We hope this is the first of many festivals to come!

Do you know someone that might be interested in setting up a booth at the festival? We are looking for vendors that are - artists, - crafters, - rod builders, - fly tiers, - sculptors & potters, - photographers, etc... - and of course anything that has to do with fishing & trout and cold water conservation. Vendors that have a connection to the mountains, trout or nature in general. We are hoping to attract great vendors for the booths at this festival.

Also, we are looking for donated items to be auctioned off at the live auction on Saturday Night. Donations for the live auction can be just about anything - Items starting in the \$50 range are suggested - Jewelry, art, a canoe, a weekend stay at a Bed & Breakfast or cabin, specialty gift baskets, gift certificates to a spa or restaurant, guided fishing trips, rods, reels, clothing, tools, etc. We would prefer all donated items for the auction be NEW and NOT USED items. Since this is our first festival, the booth rental will be VERY affordable.

We are hoping to keep the booth rentals between \$50 & \$100. If you are part of an organization that is environmentally minded, we want you there. If you are on a board and would like to sell food to raise money for your organization, we want you there.

All booth entries will be juried. We will not be accepting vendors that sell things like doggie clothing and hula hoops. (Now if there is a vendor that sells backpacking gear for dogs, something like that may be accepted) We want all of the booths to be nature/outdoor related.

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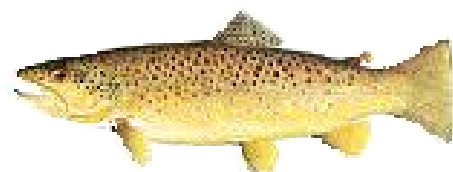


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