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BIRTHPLACE OF RIVERS NATIONAL MONUMENT

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With six trout-rich watersheds contained within its potential boundaries, the Birthplace of Rivers National Monument would preserve one of West Virginia's core trout fishing experiences for future generations. It would protect access for sportsmen to continue the traditions of hunting, fishing and trapping. This area is one of the most important landscapes for the Mountain State's sportsmen, and we share a desire to keep the area just like it is. We need to be able to pass on our hunting and angling traditions on to future Mountaineers. However, potential changes in the management of these lands threaten to change the way these lands are enjoyed in the future. National Monuments are developed from the bottom up and the sportsmen of West Virginia have the opportunity to ensure that our recreational needs are protected forever through this exciting opportunity.

As industrial pressures on public lands may
Change the way our woods and waters are
Enjoyed
TROUT UNLIMITED....
Believes this area is too important not to set
Aside for future generations of West Virginia Sportsmen

The Monument's establishment would preserve current management emphasis of back-country recreation and spruce and spruce-hardwood restoration, rather than leaving these areas subject to changes at the hands of a future administration.

Each monument is managed differently, according to place-specific needs and community input. This flexibility allows for collaboration to determine how the designation may be crafted to fit this unique area's needs, while safeguarding access for sportsmen and land managers.

The Monument would be managed by the U.S. Forest Service. Trout Unlimited and other



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Monument partners oppose future management of current Monongahela National Forest lands by the National Park Service.

The Birthplace of Rivers initiative remains in a concept development stage, with input from user groups, managing agencies and the general public to determine management objectives and proposed boundaries.

No additional Wilderness would be created as a part of the Monument. Actually, statutory goals of trout restoration and spruce and hardwood restoration would make it more difficult to add any Wilderness in the future. According to the vision of Trout Unlimited and other Monument advocates, the Monument would ensure:

Hunting, fishing and trapping. These are cornerstone activities of the area, they won't in any way be restricted. Hunting and fishing are traditional uses commonly enjoyed on two dozen National Monuments managed by the Bureau of Land Management or the U.S. Forest Service.

Fish and wildlife management duties continued under the direction of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources.

Habitat manipulation to provide quality hunting and fishing experiences. Simply allowing hunting and fishing is not enough, because the streams and forest of the Monongahela will require continued management by WVDNR and USFS to improve habitat and sustain fish and game populations.

Stocking of trout under discretion of the WVDNR, a practice common in several states existing wild life resource departments National Monuments.

Spruce and Spruce hardwood restoration using a variety of means including stewardship agreements and service contracts to accomplish restoration objectives and improve fish and wildlife habitat.

Access to all roads currently open to the public.

Construction of roads, if necessary to meet objectives of the monument, such as stream restoration and forestry restoration.

Gathering of wild edible plants, another important Appalachian tradition enjoyed in several existing National Monuments

A flexible designation for Permanent enjoyment

National Monument status would celebrate out sporting heritage for generations



Phil Smith, West Virginia Council Chair, will be present to speak to the members about the monuments desired effects and WVCTU's support. WVTU is advocating for the creation of a National Monument in the southern Monongahela National Forest to protect 126,000 acres including the Cranberry, Williams, North Fork Cherry, Elk, Gauley, and Greenbrier rivers. This would be the first USFS National Monument in the eastern United States. If you have any questions pertaining to the monument designation, please, make it a point to attend the meeting. Phil will take as many questions as time allows.



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WEST VIRGINIA HUNT AND FISH SHOW

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

In Search of a Few Good Men and Women!

Max Robertson

The Chapter Awards Team begins the process of identifying 2013 Award Nominees in November. **We are particularly interested in receiving nominations from the membership at large.**

The initial Chapter Award, the Silver Trout, was first presented in 1977 and along with the Paul Brannon Life Time Achievement Award (1991) represent the highest level Awards requiring at least 5 years and 10 years respectively of exemplary contributions. The Larry Banfield Award (1991) and the Presidents Award (2010) represent our intermediate awards defined by at least 3 years of significant contributions. The Banfield Award is given for efforts relating to the resource (i.e. stocking, cleanups, SOS, environmental), while the Presidents Award is given for efforts in other activities(i.e. the Hunt Show, the Banquet, Newsletter, and in particular efforts relating to fund raising). The Certificate of Appreciation (1985) recognizes outstanding contributions to Chapter goals at the initial level. The Gene Burkett Youth Activities Award (1979) recognizes leadership and efforts in youth involvement. All of the Chapter Awards, except the Lifetime Achievement and the Banfield Awards can be given to nonmembers and outside organizations.

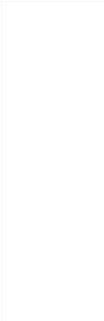
Please, get hold of me at 304-744-9338 or wildtrout@suddenlink.net or any of the Team members if you would like to participate in the nomination process. The Awards Team members in addition to myself, are Sandy Latimer, Tom Moody, Jeff Nelsen, Larry Riffée, Homer Sweeney, Jack Williams, and Steve Young. We do have pertinent documents that are available to anyone upon request. **Nominations need to be into the Awards Team by December 1.**

All of us on the Team believe that the ENCTU is one of the best Chapters in the nation, and take great joy in recognizing the various efforts that go into our programs each year. We are interested in your participation and comments. The Awards will be

presented at the ENCTU Annual Banquet next March.

MIKE, MIKE, MIKE, MIKE..... WHAT DAY IS IT? IT'S EGG DAY!

October 26th was egg day for Trout in the Classroom. Classroom representatives from all over the state met at the Elk Center to distribute eggs to begin this years project. TU members assisted with the distribution and answered questions and offered suggestions for a successful year. After the eggs are received they were quickly transported to the awaiting tanks where a new cycle begins.





UPCOMING ENCTU EVENTS

The Chapter Donates Fishing Books To SCPL!

November 12th, membership meeting 7:00-9:00PM South Charleston Public Library. Program speaker will be Phil Smith, WV Council Chair.

November 26th, Board meeting, 6:30-8:30PM So. Chas. Public Library.

December 10th, membership meeting SCPL 7:00-9:00PM SCPL. Chris Shockey will discuss the Upper Shavers watershed and remediation work.

No Board Meeting for December.

January 14th, Membership meeting 7:00-9:00PM SCPL. Fly Tying by expert TU fly tiers.

January 17-19th, West Virginia Hunt and Fish Show Charleston Civic Center.

On October 8, the Chapter donated over 60 (?) books related to trout and trout fishing to the South Charleston Public Library. The SCPL is now a repository of a large number of excellent books that includes authors such as Schweibert, Wright, McNally, Lieser, Gierach, McClain, Rosenbauer, Swisher and Richards. There are map books for several western states, and books on fishing nearby states and areas such as Maryland, Virginia, and the Smoky Mountain National Park.

Charles Krepps and Jack Williams turned over the books held in the Chapter library and a number of Gene Burkett's personal books recently donated to the Chapter by his wife, Patricia.

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