



2014 ELKHORN CLEANUP

Larry Orr

As near as I can tell, we had 96 folks participate in the seventeenth annual Elkhorn Creek Cleanup sponsored by the Ernie Nester Chapter of TU (ENCTU) in cooperation with the Elkhorn Creek Watershed Association, Citizens Conservation Corps of WV, McDowell County Solid Waste Authority and the WV DEP.

There were 30 TU members present with five TU chapters represented, including the New River Chapter from Virginia. ENCTU had 17 mem-

bers present. Walmart had 26 participants and provided lunch for all of the participants.

about 2 ½ dumpster loads. This is less than previously years, and there were numerous comments to the effect that there was less trash in the stream. Hopefully, this effort serves as a role model.

Many of the participants showed up at the Ashland

Resort on Friday evening and enjoyed a barbeque dinner brought in by Josh Parks.

There were a lot of fishing stories around the

campfire and Randy Augustine won the prize for the crudest joke.

I have set April 18 as the date for next years' cleanup and a number of us have already made reservations at the Ashland Resort for the event. Mark your calendars and join us in a fun event that helps clean up the stream.



POWER HOUSE ROAD BEFORE



POWER HOUSE ROAD AFTER

Thanks to all who participated.



WV DNR Police were present as well as two youths getting credit for probation hours through the McDowell Solid Waste Authority.

The amount of trash collected was contained in

ENNIE NESTER CHAPTER FUND RAISING EVENT

With the May chapter meeting the last for the spring, shirts and hats will be available for sale. The shirts and hats are considered a fund raiser and as such the chapter can only make them available a limited time each year, so don't miss



\$25.00 Ea.



\$15.00 Ea.

this opportunity, next chapter meeting will in September. And as usual Charlie's general store will have flies and guides too.



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2014 Bucket Brigade – The Hand Placement of Tons of Limestone Sands in the Headwaters of the Middle Fork of Williams River - Monongahela National Forest

by

Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited + many of the other WV TU chapters and numerous Walmart volunteers from across West Virginia

Date: June 14, 2014

Meeting Place: Meet at 9:00 AM in the parking lot at the Cranberry Mountain Visitors Center (Nature Center). The Nature Center is located on Rt. 39 at the junction with the Highland Scenic Highway.

Work Site: The work site is located on the Highland Scenic Highway. If you should arrive after 9:00 AM, drive out the Scenic Highway until you spot the work crew.

What To Bring: **Bring work gloves** and a 3-5 gallon plastic bucket if you have one. Expect to get wet and dirty, so wear appropriate clothing. The trail is usually wet and muddy so wear your mud shoes.

Weather: **It always rains** so bring rain gear or expect to get wet.

Safety: Be careful at all times and do not try to exceed your normal capabilities. The buckets will usually contain 25 to 35 pounds of sand. Always watch out for traffic when you are near the Highland Scenic Highway.

Walmart Volunteers: Walmart employees will be again helping with the Bucket Brigade.

Food: Walmart will provide lunch. Drinks and a mid-morning snack will also be provided.

If you have questions regarding contact Jeff Nelsen 304-768-3933h / 304-951-2247c or jeffnel-sen@suddenlink.net

May 3, 2014 Loop Creek SOS

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The ninth WV DEP Save – Our – Streams Survey on Loop Creek was conducted by 16 members of the ENCTU on Saturday, May 3, 2014. We were also joined by some members of the Southern Appalachia Labor School after they had stocked their TIC trout in Beards Fork just downstream.

Results were about as expected. The sand level appears to be stabilizing after the sewer line stream crossings from the recently built waste water treatment facility upstream.

The stream flow was slightly above normal at 18 cu. ft per second. The stream biological integrity rating was poor at 46.3. This is due to the high level of non-biting midges that were found. This is usually due to sewage in the stream. We learned from residents that the waste treatment facilities do not include this portion of the stream and there are still septic systems discharging to the stream. We will attempt to monitor coliform levels in the future.

After the SOS survey, some of us moved upstream to the cemetery and sampled the water as part of the WV-VA TU Monitoring Project that is being conducted in conjunction with the WV Rivers Coalition.

The next SOS survey for Loop Creek will be on October 11, 2014. Come join us. You might learn something!

ANGLING ARTS CLASSES

Ken Eigenbrod

The Ernie Nester Chapter of TU had one of its most ambitious years with its Angling Arts classes in 2014. Eight classes were conducted: seven at the Elkview Elementary Learning Center and one at the Putnam County Parks & Recreation Complex in Hurricane. These classes saw 83 people learn either how to fly fish, tie flies, craft fishing rods, learn advanced rod building techniques, enhance their fly fishing skills, or absorb details of trout fishing the four seasons in Wild, Wonderful, West Virginia. Many of this year's students took more than one class.



For the first time, Charlie Krepps taught three fly fishing classes: two at Elkview and one in Hurricane. This put nearly 50 new anglers on our trout streams. A fair number of these students also joined our Chapter. Charlie's classes were taught on Mondays and Tuesdays in April and the first part of May so the students would have more favorable weather to get out and try their newly learned fly fishing skills. Kudos to all of the lead instructors: Charlie Krepps, Marge McCutcheon, Ed Crum, Jason Butcher and Ed Haynes and to the other TU chapter members who assisted them for an outstand year!

This year's classes pushed the number of participants completing our Chapter's classes to over 1,215 since the first class, Fly Tying, was conducted in 1975 at the former Stonewall Jackson High School.





2014 ENCTU FINGERLING STOCKING SCHEDULE

May 9, 2014

Friday

Cranberry River Stocking

Event Coordinator - Joe Crowder 304-965-1338

joseph.crowder@frontier.com

Woodbine Parking Area - 10:00am

May 17, 2014

Back Fork of Elk Stocking

Event Coordinator – Jason Butcher 304-881-5265

Meet At Webster Springs NAPA - 10:00am

jason.butcher@wvinsurance.gov

Paint Creek Stocking

Emma "Mim" Campbell

304-595-2229

June 21, 2014

Glade Creek of New C&R

Event Coordinator - Jason McDaniel 304-731-6219

Meet at Campground - 10:00am

jason.L.McDaniel@usdoj.gov

July 19, 2014

Fayette County Stocking

Event Coordinator - Ian McQuinn

Meet Midland Trail High School - 10:00am

skianwv@aol.com



August 9, 2014

Dunloup Creek Stocking

Event Coordingator - Mike Sayre 304-779-2706

Meet Glen Jean Bank - 10:00am

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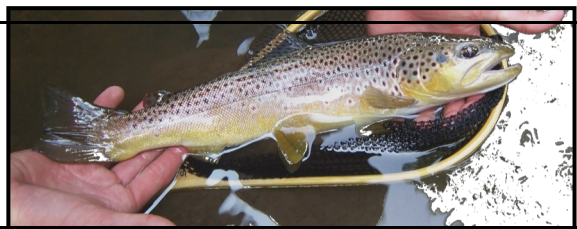
August 23, 2014

Loop Creek Stocking

Event Coordinator - Tom Moody 304-744-4083

Meet Cemetery Rt 61 - 10:00am

scpeebod@yahoo.com



September 6, 2014

Blue Creek Stocking

Cedar Grove Go-Mart - 10:00am

Event Coordinator - Don Lyons 304-595-1244

Date to be Determined

Piney Creek

Event Coordinator - Jason McDaniel 304-731-6219

Meet Quinamont Rail Yard - 9:00am

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October 4, 2014

Elk River Stocking

Event Coordinator - Steve Young 304-941-6955

Meet at Elk Springs Resort - 10:00am

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Stocking Program Coordinator Steve Sattler 304-872-1633

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WV-VA TU WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM KICKS OFF ON LOOP CREEK

The cemetery location will be the site for continued monitoring on Loop Creek by ENCTU members. Monitoring will be done at this location several times per year, including high and low flow conditions.

The date and site for the initial Rich Creek monitoring

will be established within the next month. The selected site will be also monitored several times per year by ENCTU members.

ENCTU funded purchase of two monitoring kits at \$250 each for this activity. The overall coordination of this program is under TU National.

Mother Nature provided a continuous shower for the session, but everyone had their rain gear to show that we could function rain or shine. The date and site for Rich Creek will be posted on the website.

Come join us!!



Eleven hardy soles, including seven ENCTU members met March 29 at the upper end of the cemetery on Loop Creek for an on – stream training session as part of the WV - VA TU Water Quality Monitoring Program. This program focuses on training volunteers to monitor coldwater resources in West Virginia and Virginia that have the potential to be impacted by the increasing shale gas development.

ENCTU has agreed to monitor Loop Creek and Rich Creek as part of this program.

This program is separate from the ongoing ENCTU Save – Our – Streams (SOS) program where we monitor the water and stream quality at the Camp Branch Road site on Loop Creek. The next SOS survey at the Camp Branch Road site will be on May 3.





COLLEGE OF LAW LAND USE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT LAW CLINIC



April's program speaker is Jason Walls of the WVU College of Law's Land Use Clinic. The following was taken from the clinic's website as a preview of how the clinic works with individuals, local governments and non-profits to develop land conservation strategies. Please plan on attending. Many thanks to Bill Todd for his excellent work seeking and finding interesting individuals for our meetings.

West Virginia is home to some of the world's most beautiful rivers and streams. Many of these waters are polluted, in part because of the way land is used in nearby areas. The Land Use and Sustainable Development Law Clinic (LUSD Clinic) provides legal services to local governments, landowners and non-profit organizations to develop land conservation strategies and practices. The LUSD Clinic aims to:

Identify and conserve sensitive land

The LUSD Clinic collaborates with the West Virginia Land Trust, other land trusts and non-profits, landowners, and local governments to identify appropriate properties for conservation. The LUSD Clinic then assists with the legal services necessary to place voluntary conservation easements upon or otherwise protect the subject properties. Such legal services

include, but are not limited to, title examinations, advising landowners and land trusts, drafting conservation easements, negotiating with mineral owners/lessees, and drafting surface use agreements.

Support local land use decision-makers

Land and water protection strategies take on a variety of forms. The LUSD Clinic helps communities identify appropriate tools to protect sensitive properties, water quality and working lands such as timberland and farms. The LUSD Clinic will provide technical assistance to local government officials, planners and other land use decision-makers to encourage sustainable development in appropriate areas of the community. For example, the LUSD Clinic works with several communities to draft comprehensive land use plans and ordinances, per the requirements of the West Virginia Code.

Address wastewater issues

Many residences and businesses dispose of human waste directly into rivers and streams without adequate treatment. Many others utilize antiquated wastewater treatment systems that result in harmful discharges. Through innovative legal strategies and funding assistance, the LUSD Clinic works with partner communities to identify and support alternative wastewater solutions.

Provide educational opportunities for law students

The LUSD Clinic provides WVU law students with an opportunity to gain practical experience in the field of land use law and policy. As a transactional and policy-based clinic, students develop research, drafting, negotiation and client counseling skills. Under the guidance of experienced attorneys and other land use professionals, students contribute to land and water conservation efforts throughout the state.

UPCOMING ENCTU EVENTS

May 13th, Membership meeting, South Charleston Public Library, 7:00PM—9:00 PM See pg. 3 for program information.

May 17th, Back Fork of Elk stocking, see pg. 2

May 16th-18th, WVCTU Fly-fishing School. Elks-springs Resort.

May 27th, ENCTU board meeting, South Charleston Public Library, 6:30PM _ 8:30PM

May 31st, Mountain State Trout Festival, Elksprings Resort.

June 14th, Bucket Brigade, Middle fork of the Williams, contact Larry Orr for info.



"You catch me, you throw me back. You catch me, you throw me back. Dude, get a life."

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