

## Chris Wood's statement on Trump's Clean Water Rule order

February 28, 2017

Today, President Trump signed an executive order that begins to unravel the protections of the Clean Water Act for small headwater streams.

The Clean Water Rule was finalized in 2015 after more than one million public comments and extensive scientific review. It provides protection to streams and rivers including 60 percent of the stream miles in the U.S. that flow seasonally.

Protecting these headwaters is important not only to anglers, but also to the one in three Americans whose drinking water comes from small seasonal streams.

The Executive Order directs the Army Corps of Engineers and the EPA to rescind and revise the Clean Water Rule. It also directs the agencies to use former Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia's minority opinion that said seasonal streams do not merit protection, as a basis for the revision. If Justice Scalia's direction is followed, 60 percent of U.S. streams and 20 million acres of wetlands would lose

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protection of the Clean Water Act; an unmitigated disaster for fish and wildlife, hunting and fishing, and clean water. ([Clean Water Rule Factsheet 17-02.pdf.](#))

Sportsmen and women have a simple question for the President and EPA Administrator Pruitt: Are we going forward or backward on clean water?

Today's announcement is a big step back. Legally, scientifically and logically a reliance on Justice Scalia's opinion is wrong-headed—but there's still time, working through the new rulemaking process, to make it right. When the new Administration replaces the Clean Water Rule, it must listen to the voices of tens of millions of sportsmen and women who want more clean water, more fish and wildlife habitat, and more hunting and angling opportunities.

***'If Justice Scalia's direction is followed, 60 percent of U.S. streams and 20 million acres of wetlands would lose protection of the Clean Water Act; an unmitigated disaster for fish and wildlife, hunting and fishing, and clean water.'***

The Trump Administration can change direction on this Rule but they can't change the fact that clean water is not a political issue. It is a basic right of every American. Gravity works cheap, and it never takes a day off. The Administration cannot stop water flowing downhill—and we all live downstream.

To be effective, the Clean Water Act must be able to control pollution at its source, upstream in the headwaters and wetlands that flow downstream through communities to our major lakes, rivers, and bays. The Administration's action places the health of 60 percent of the stream miles in the U.S. at risk.

Trout Unlimited intends to work with our hundreds of thousands of members and supporters to reverse course on this misguided direction. 🐟

—Chris Wood, President and CEO, Trout Unlimited

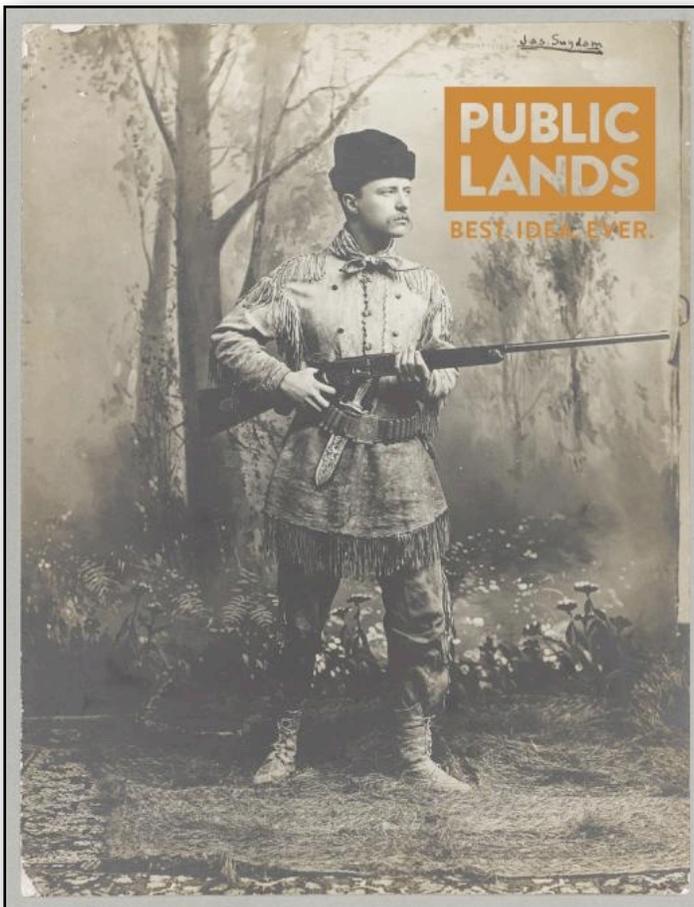
*Photo - TU: An angler fishes a small Montana stream that is protected under the Clean Water Rule. A new executive order begins the process of removing protections from this and thousands of other small headwater streams and wetlands across America.*





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We've often found ourselves wondering what Theodore Roosevelt might think of today's conservation landscape and controversies over the management of America's public lands.

No doubt things have changed since he occupied the oval office but many threats have stayed the same when it comes to public lands. The greed of a few to take the right of many, for example. 🐿



Please visit [ncwildlife.org/fishing/trout](http://ncwildlife.org/fishing/trout) for more information about trout regulations, stockings, and angling opportunities.

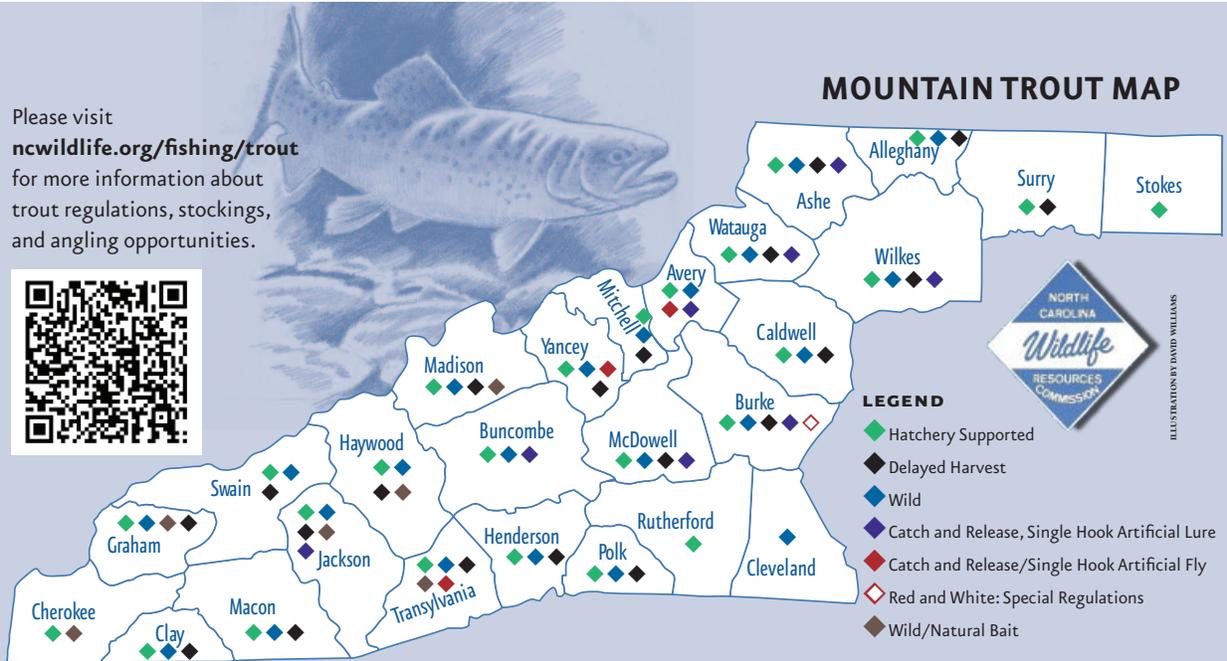


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**2017 DELAYED HARVEST STOCKING DATES**

COUNTY	STREAM	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER
Alleghany	Little River	6	6	4	5	6
Ashe	Helton Creek	1	3	1	2	1
	Trout Lake	1	3	8	2	1
	Big Horse Creek	6	6	4	5	6
	South Fork New River	6	6	4	5	3
Burke	Jacob Fork	3	5	10	4	1
Caldwell	Wilson Creek	2	4	2	3	2
Clay	Fires Creek	1	5	5	5	13
Graham	Big Snowbird	7	6	4	10	16
Haywood	West Fork Pigeon River	7	6	1	6	16
Henderson	North Fork Mills River	6	3	1	2	7
Jackson	Tuckasegee River	2	4	2	3,4	8,15
Macon	Nantahala	7	10	4	9	2
Madison	Big Laurel Creek	1	3	1	2	1
	Shelton Laurel Creek	1	3	1	2	1
	Spring Creek	6	10	5	6	14
McDowell	Curtis Creek	3	5	3	4	3
	Mill Creek	3	5	3	4	3
	Catawba River	3	5	3	4	3
Mitchell	Cane Creek	3	5	3	4	3
	North Toe River	2	4	2	3	2
Polk	Green River	6	6	5	9	13
Surry	Ararat River	3	5	3	4	6
	Mitchell River	1	5	3	4	2
Swain	Tuckasegee River	3	5	3	5	6
Transylvania	East Fork French Broad River	1	3	3	10	9
	Little River	3	7	4	3	3
Watauga	Watauga River	1	3	1	2	1
	Coffee Lake	1	3	1	2	1
Wilkes	East Prong Roaring River	1	3	8	2	1
	Stone Mountain Creek	1	3	8	2	1
	Reddies River	2	4	9	3	2
	Elk Creek	2	4	9	3	2
Yancey	Cane River	7	7	5	6	7

*Dates listed are subject to change due to unexpected events, such as snow. Changes will be announced through press releases, Twitter, Facebook and on [ncwildlife.org](http://ncwildlife.org).*

**Brook, brown and rainbow trout require cold, clean water and are therefore generally restricted to mountain streams and lakes.**

Those mountain waters that support trout and are open to public fishing are designated as "Public Mountain Trout Waters" by the Wildlife Resources Commission and are managed for public trout fishing. A significant amount of trout fishing opportunities in western North Carolina are located on private property. These landowners have generously allowed for public access for fishing. Please respect their property. Your cooperation is needed to protect fishing opportunities for future generations. The Commission conspicuously marks Public Mountain Trout Waters with regulation signs that indicate locations for public access. When anglers encounter "posted against trespass" signs along these designated sections on private lands, they should respect the property owner's rights and choose another location along that stream to fish. Maps of trout waters and their classifications may be viewed at [ncwildlife.org/fishingmap](http://ncwildlife.org/fishingmap).



## TUCKASEIGEE CHAPTER # 373 OF TROUT UNLIMITED

Attached is the 2017 Great Smoky Mountains National Park fisheries volunteer schedule. Please look it over and pass it along to your fellow Trout Unlimited members, school students or other potential volunteers. We would love to spend some time with you on the water in 2017!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks  
Matt

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### 2017 GRSM Fisheries Volunteer Sampling Schedule

The following list is designed to make individuals and volunteer groups, who would like to assist fisheries activities in the Park, aware of upcoming project dates and meeting locations. If you need further information, please contact Caleb Abramson (865-436-1577) [Caleb\\_Abramson@nps.gov](mailto:Caleb_Abramson@nps.gov) or Matt Kulp (865-436-1254) [Matt\\_Kulp@nps.gov](mailto:Matt_Kulp@nps.gov)

Date	Sample Type	Priority	# TU Volunteers	Cooperators *
February 11	Acid Deposition Training Session - Park Headquarters Conference Room, Gatlinburg (9:00AM) - FREE breakfast	High	All Group Leaders / Need Volunteers!	TU, NPS, UT
March 18-19 #	Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample	High	8 - 10	TU, NPS, UT
March 25	TN Little River Clean-Up Day - meet at Metcalf Bottoms picnic area (9:00AM)	Medium	All Volunteers	NPS, TU, Others
May 20-21 #	Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample	High	8 - 10	TU, NPS, UT
June 22	Little River Trout Camp, Tremont, TN - volunteers will help with classes and electrofishing demo	High	2 - 3	TU, NPS
July 10 - 13	Anthony Creek Brook Trout Restoration - Meet at Abrams Creek Picnic Area for transport up trail	High	8 - 10	TU, NPS, TWRA
July 15 - 16 #	Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample	High	8 - 10	TU, NPS, UT
July 17	Large Stream IBI Sample (Cataloochee Creek) - Sample at the Steel Bridge at the Asbury Trail Crossing near the USGS River Gauge	Medium	5 - 7	NPS, TVA, TU
July 18	Large Stream IBI Sample (Little River) - Sample site just above Elkmont roughly 200m upstream of Little River trailhead	Medium	5 - 7	NPS, TDEC, TVA, TU
July 18	Large Stream IBI Sample (West Prong Little River) - Meet at the parking lot next to bridge at confluence of MP and WP Little River.	Medium	5 - 7	NPS, TVA, TU
July 19	Large Stream IBI Sample (Abrams Creek) - Meet at the Abrams Creek Ranger station parking lot.	Medium	5 - 7	NPS, TVA, TU
July 20	Large Stream IBI Sample (Straight Fork) - Meet just upstream of park gate on Straight Fork Road upstream of fish hatchery.	Medium	5 - 7	NPS, TVA, TU
July 24 - 27	Population Sampling - Little Cataloochee Creek - 3-Pass Depletion Sampling, Treatment Prep on Little Cataloochee Creek	Medium	5 - 7	NPS, TU, NCWRC
August 14 - 17	Hazel Creek 3-Pass Depletion and IBI Sampling - Strenuous field work. Limited to 2 volunteers (call Matt for details).	High	8 - 10	TU, NPS, NCWRC
August 21 - 22	Bunches & Flat Creek Evaluation - High elevation brook trout electrofishing (requires one night camping)	Medium	2 - 3	NPS, TU
September 6 - 8	Little Cataloochee Creek Treatment Prep - Setting live cages, calculating flows, setting up treaters/detox on Little Cataloochee Creek	Medium	5 - 7	NPS, TU, NCWRC
September 16 - 17 #	Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample	High	8 - 10	TU, NPS, UT
November 18 - 19 #	Bi-Monthly Acid Deposition Sample	High	8 - 10	TU, NPS, UT

\* Cooperators  
 TU - Trout Unlimited  
 NPS - National Park Service  
 UT - The University of Tennessee  
 TDEC - TN Dept of Environment & Conservation

TWRA - Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency  
 NCWRC - North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission  
 PSU - Penn State University  
 TVA - TN Valley Authority

# - Contact Charlie Chmielewski (TN coordinator) for team leader info and contact info on TN volunteer opportunities - [Charlie Chmielewski \(cell\) 865-661-7325 charlieflyfish@gmail.com](mailto:charlieflyfish@gmail.com)  
 Contact Mike Kesselring (NC coordinator) for volunteer opportunities in NC (828) 736-6929 [mikessel159@gmail.com](mailto:mikessel159@gmail.com)

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## Rivercourse Schedule Announced for 2017

**Dates:** June 18-23, 2017 (Sunday - Friday) 16<sup>th</sup> Season!

**Age Group:** 13-15

**Group Size:** 18 Campers (Selection - mid-April 2017)

**Tuition:** \$595 per camper. Early registration is encouraged to reserve a space. Additional information will be sent upon acceptance to camp. Tuition is not due until the applicant is notified that he/she has been accepted. Some financial assistance is available if needed.



### About Rivercourse:

- The goal of [Rivercourse](#) is to introduce the campers to coldwater conservation and fly fishing.
- Campers will receive on-stream fly fishing instruction mornings and evenings.
- Campers will participate in a field trip to the nearby Davidson River to learn about the importance of riparian buffers. Their planting of some native species will reinforce the lesson. Also included are fish dissection and a tour of the Bobby Setzer State Fish Hatchery.
- Classroom instruction is both outdoors and indoors.
- Swimming is an optional activity under adult supervision with certified lifeguards.
- Subjects are taught by volunteers from Trout Unlimited, the NC Wildlife Resource Commission, the US Forest Service, the US Park Service, and other organizations.
- TU chapters and members throughout the state support the camp with time, money, and materials.
- A [Rivercourse Fund](#) has been established to produce annual income for sponsorships and operational expenses.

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- Campers are lodged in multiple room cottages. Each bedroom has a set of twin beds and a private bathroom. All linens and towels are provided. Meals are served in a modern dining hall, part of which is set up as a permanent "classroom".

### A typical Day at Camp:

**Wake-up!**  
**Fishing / Fly Tying**  
**Breakfast**  
**Fishing / Fly Tying**  
**Guest Speaker**  
**Lunch**  
**Guest Speaker, Crafts,**  
**Fly Tying, Knots**  
**Casting**  
**Dinner**  
**Fishing**  
**Fly Tying**  
**Cottage Time**  
**Lights Out**

### Rivercourse Business Partners:

Curtis Wright Outfitters  
Davidson River Outfitters  
One Fly Outfitters  
Hunter Banks  
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Jim Hefley Fine Art

Tuckaseigee Chapter provides the \$595 tuition for a camper at the Rivercourse TU Summer Camp at Lake Logan in Haywood County each year. 🐟





## Hatchery Supported Trout Waters Closed to Fishing, March 1 – 31

**RALEIGH, N.C. (Feb. 13, 2017)** — The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission will close approximately 1,000 miles of Hatchery Supported Trout Waters to fishing one-half hour after sunset on Feb. 28 and reopen them at 7 a.m. on April 1.

While fishing is closed, Commission personnel will stock all Hatchery Supported Trout Waters in preparation for opening day. Staff stocks Hatchery Supported Trout Waters, which are marked by green-and-white signs, at frequent intervals in the spring and early summer every year.

This year, Commission personnel will stock approximately 916,000 trout — 96 percent of which average 10 inches in length, with the other 4 percent exceeding 14 inches in length.

While fishing on Hatchery Supported Trout Waters, anglers can harvest a maximum of seven trout per day, with no minimum size limit or bait restriction. Hatchery Supported Trout Waters are open from 7 a.m. on the first Saturday in April until one-half hour after sunset on the last day of February the following year.

For more information on trout fishing in North Carolina, visit the Commission's [trout fishing page](http://www.ncwildlife.org/fishing/trout), [www.ncwildlife.org/fishing/trout](http://www.ncwildlife.org/fishing/trout) or call the Inland Fisheries Division, 919-707-0220.

## Wildlife Commission Sets Regulations for 2017-2018 Seasons

Of the [39 proposed rule changes presented during public hearings in January](#), 38 were approved. The one proposal that was not approved would have prohibited the use of archery equipment for taking nongame fishes on a section of Lake James (F15). This proposed change was designed to protect muskellunge during the spawning season. After hearing from constituents, wildlife commissioners recognized that stakeholders are working together to resolve those issues outside of rule changes and instead through angler education and signage on the lake.

Wildlife commissioners approved fishing proposals that will add 40 miles of wild trout waters to the agency's Public Mountain Trout Waters program — 10 miles on Rendezvous Mountain State Forest Game Land in Wilkes County and 30 miles on Stone Mountain State Park in Alleghany County. The addition of these wild trout waters brings the total number of miles in the Public Mountain Trout Waters program to more than 5,300 miles.

To view the full text of all 39 regulations, [download the public hearings booklet](#).





The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will present the inaugural Hook, Line and Drinker Festival on Saturday, May 20, 2017. The event will be held from noon until 4 p.m., at the Bridge Park Pavilion in Sylva, N.C.

The festival will feature craft beer vendors, food trucks, fishing guides and fishing industry vendors, and a farmers market from 9 a.m. until noon. Admission to the family friendly event is free with donations encouraged.

There will be a live concert from 12:30 until 4 p.m. by one of the region's most popular bands TBA.

Jackson County is the proud home of the WNC Fly Fishing Trail and the NC Trout Capital. In 2016, the N.C. General Assembly proclaimed Jackson County as the state's "Premier Fly Fishing Destination." The WNC Fly Fishing Trail features 15 hot fishing spots that run from the northern end of the county to the southern end of the county along the Tuckasegee River. Jackson County is stocked with more trout than any other county in the state.

The chamber will partner with the Tuckasegee chapter of Trout Unlimited to organize the inaugural Scott's Creek Cleanup in the fall of 2017. Festival goers can sign up to volunteer.

For more information, please visit [www.mountainlovers.com](http://www.mountainlovers.com) or call 828-586-2155.





**April 28-30 and October 13-17, 2017** for women with all types of cancer, Lake Logan Center, Canton, NC.



Our Three-Day Retreat Weekends offer a full schedule of activities that includes basic fly fishing instruction, medical education and groups that provide opportunities for support and connection with other women surviving cancer.

Retreats begin on Friday afternoon and conclude on Sunday after lunch. The schedule includes group activities and fly fishing instruction. Most women who attend have never held a fly rod and many have never fished. Fly fishing instruction is simple and fun!!

Fly fishing instructors and river guides are always present to teach and assist. All meals are included and volunteer staff are onsite for the entire weekend. While the retreat schedule has a variety of activities, we encourage women to participate at their own level. There is plenty of free time built into the schedule. All participants and volunteers will receive a detailed retreat schedule prior to the weekend. 🐟

Click [here](#) for more info.



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You can help reconnect rivers throughout the US by **giving** to the Orvis/TU 1,000 Miles Campaign.



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### SHARE WITH YOUR CHAPTER

Do you have something you'd like to share with the chapter? An announcement, news, or topic that you feel would be of interest to fellow members?

We are always seeking submissions to *Tuck Tales* for our future editions. Please let your editor know by sending your information to:

Craig Forrest  
[craigforrest@sleepyhollowstudio.com](mailto:craigforrest@sleepyhollowstudio.com)

### Be An Active Member

TCTU has a number of committees that need members like you to participate. Please consider contacting a committee chairperson to volunteer to serve on the committee that most interests you.

Send your requests to President Dale Collins at [tuckriverclub@gmail.com](mailto:tuckriverclub@gmail.com) to let him know which committee you are interested in, and he will forward your name to the chairperson.

Help TCTU by getting involved with one of the committees listed below.

Conservation/Education

Fund Raising

Membership

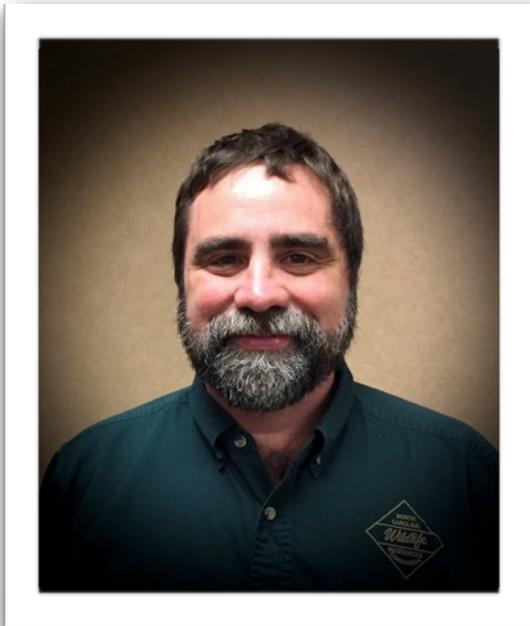
Programs

Publicity/Communications

Fishing Trips

## Backcast

The February meeting offered a presentation by NCWRC District 9 Biologist Powell Wheeler discussing stocking, the hatcheries, and genetics. 🐟



Think about supporting TU with a **Back The Brookie** TU license plate!

FLY OF THE MONTH

Do you have a pattern that you'd like to submit for our *Tuck Tales* Fly Of The Month article? If you can take a few digital photos of your fly tying effort, please do so and provide a short description of how to tie your pattern.

Most point-and-shoot digital cameras have a flash and macro photography capability. Come on. Give it a try. Share that secret pattern with your fellow members!

We'll include your fly in an up-coming issue of *Tuck Tales*!

Please send an email to Craig Forrest

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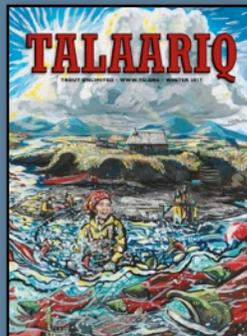
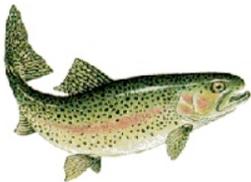
UPCOMING EVENTS

Next TCTU Meeting:  
United Community Bank 3/7/17

Southeastern Regional Rendezvous: Gatlinburg, TN 4/ 21-22



The Winter issue of Trout Magazine is now available on-line at:



<http://www.tu.org/media/trout-magazine>



# Editor's Cast

**T**he February meeting offered members a presentation by District 9 NCWRC Biologist Powell Wheeler. Powell spoke about the efforts of the Commission to conduct research on genetic diversity of brook trout, the current state of the hatcheries, and what can be expected regarding stocking for the coming year.

Jerry Deweese reported that as this year's Ducks-On-The-Tuck will be a "virtual" release of the ducks our assistance will not be required. Also from Jerry we learn that the Annual Tuckaseigee River Clean Up will be held on April 8th this year. Plans are for our chapter to meet at 9 AM that morning to clean up the area 3/8 of a mile upstream of the CJ Harris Boat Ramp on the same side of the river. There will be additional details provided at the meeting, also, folks will need to sign up for a t-shirt by March 10th!

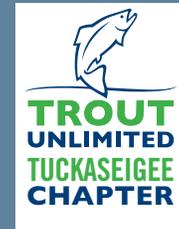
We had a very successful clean up of our section of the Delayed Harvest on Saturday February 18th. We had 24 folks show up and were able to pick up 19 bags of trash along with some additional debris (see photo) in just under 2 hours time. A special thank you to all of those who were able to assist!

The Tuck chapter Board met on February 21st and it was decided that the board will begin assuming the duties of the Grub Committee going forward. Plans are for board members to provide standing hot dog suppers at each meeting with the cost to be covered by the chapter. The usual \$5 meal charge will apply. This plan was arrived at due to the difficulty of being able to secure volunteers for the committee and the increase in attendance at recent meetings.

More details of the board meeting will be provided at the March meeting. 🐟

## Forward Cast

Tuck Chapter will next meet 6:00 PM March 7<sup>th</sup> at United Community bank of Sylva on Highway 107 South. The program will be provided by Alan Baker and focus on the Southern Appalachian Fly Fishing Museum in Bryson City.



*Photo above of some of the folks who turned out to assist with the February 18th clean up.*



## 2017 Southeast Regional Rendezvous

APRIL 21-23, 2017  
GATLINBURG, TN

In the heart of Southern Appalachian Brook Trout country, the Great Smoky Mountains are home to some of the best fishing on the east coast. As with all great fisheries, there is always a heightened need for sustainable and long-term conservation efforts. We couldn't imagine a better location than Gatlinburg, TN to host this year's Southeast Regional Rendezvous. On behalf of the Tennessee Council and the Great Smoky Mountain Chapter, you are invited to join fellow anglers, conservationists, and industry professionals for a weekend of enlightening conversations, seminars, and fun as we talk future conservation efforts in the region and ways to make your chapter's or councils stronger than ever.



In keeping with the tradition of TU regional gatherings, we will have a hosted fishing day on Friday, April 21 where you'll have the opportunity to hike, hop, or even scoot your way up the mountainside chasing beautiful brook trout in an equally stunning setting.

Saturday and Sunday the 22-23rd will include all day conversations with fellow TU members and local conservation professionals where we will discuss topics from diversifying membership, habitat restoration, building defenses against a changing climate, contemporary membership engagement methods and dynamic fundraising, to name a few.

Saturday evening's barbecue is a fun, family-friendly opportunity to network with fellow TU members, supporters and staff and to take in the beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains.

These gatherings are an excellent opportunity for your chapter to share unique success stories and issues that you've encountered over the past year. It's also a great chance for new and upcoming chapter and council leaders to be inspired and discover their own voice while learning from seasoned volunteers and networking with conservation professionals.

[Register Here](#)

### SCHEDULE

#### Friday, April 21

Full day hosted fishing

#### Friday Night, April 21

Women on the Water Reception - Hosted by Dun Magazine

Down the Hatch Film Showing presented by Orvis

#### Saturday, April 22

All day seminars at Glenstone Lodge

#### Saturday Night, April 22

Barbecue in the Great Smoky Mountains hosted by the TN Council

\* Spouses and guests welcome at an additional cost

#### Sunday, April 23

Half day seminars and recap

### SPONSORS



### Send In A Fishing Report!

*Tuck Tales* would like to feature your fishing report. This could be from a recent or past fishing trip. We don't care where you went or what you fished for. Maybe you fished the Tuck, or some other water out-of-state or maybe another country!

Just send in your report including who went, where, when, what water was fished, the tackle used, photos if you have them, and what were the results. Send to:

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The Tuckaseigee Chapter has a web presence at:

<http://www.tuckaseigee.tu.org>

### Don't Miss Your Chance!

Tuckaseigee Chapter is offering a chance to win a new fly rod at each meeting!

Richard Echelman won the rod pictured at the December 2016 meeting. Richard has graciously donated a rod to the chapter that he had won in a previous raffle for our new rod raffle! (Photo in next newsletter.)

Members can purchase chances at \$1 each (\$5 gets you 6 tickets) to be selected to then draw a card from a standard deck. If you draw the special card you'll win the rod. That's quite a good reason to attend the next meeting. You could go home with a beautiful rod!



Tuckaseigee Chapter of Trout Unlimited serves Jackson and Swain Counties. We meet the first Tuesday of every month in the Community Room at the rear of the United Community Bank of Highway 107 South in Sylva at 6:30 PM. A meal is provided by the Grub Committee at a cost of \$5 per person. Guests are invited to join us at no charge.





**Examples of  
apparel with  
the  
Tuckaseegee  
Chapter  
embroidery**



# Fly of the Month

By Shannon Messer

This month's fly is the Caddis Nymph using Evolution Beadheads:

**Hook:** #12 Orvis 62KC Scud Hook

**Bead:** Nymph Head Caddis Tungsten

**Thread:** 6/0 color to match fly

**Rib:** Black Wire

**Scud Back:** Thin Skin

**Body Dubbing:** Caddis Green Ice Dub

**Thorax Dubbing:** UV Black

The last photo shows how to mix different materials with the same bead can create different flies.

As usual, tying materials are available from Shannon at the [Sylva Orvis Store](#).

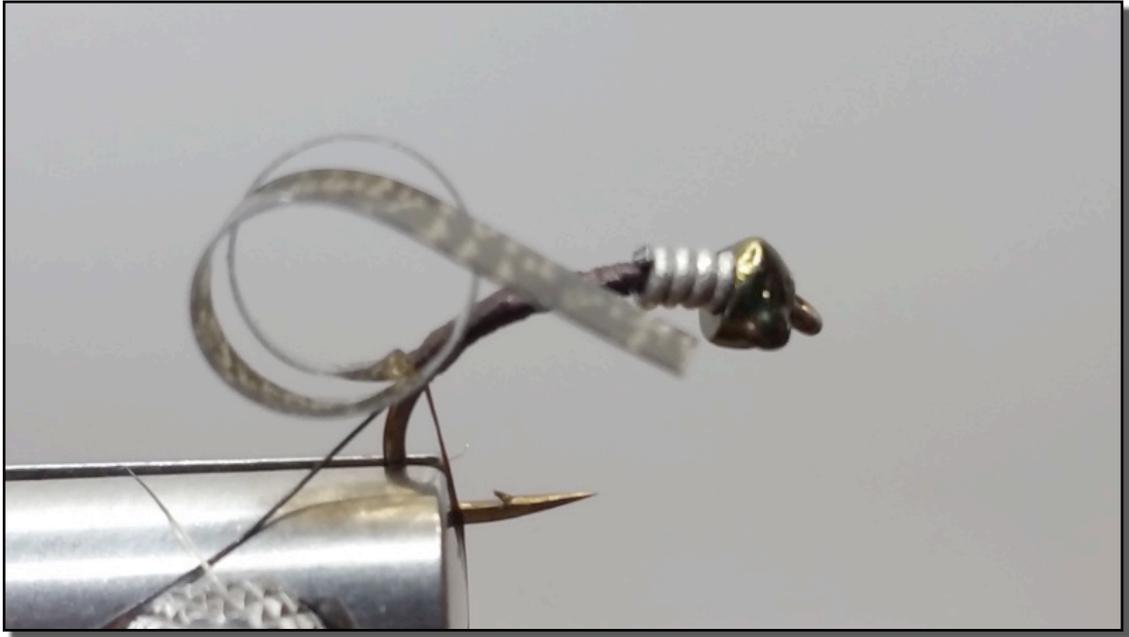
Note: If you're not familiar with this type of bead here's some info from the Orvis website:

The next generation of modern fly tying beads molded in the shape, size, and color of the most common aquatic insects trout feed upon. The Caddis beadhead mimics the round, undersized head and bulbous eyes of a typical caddis pupa. Designed to tilt down and look backwards on the hook to imitate the typical caddis profile, the bead is small to give the correct small head/large body ratio.



Add the bead and a little weighted wire.





Tie in the thin skin and wire for the rib.



Create the body with the Caddis Green Ice Dub. Tie over the thin skin.





Wrap the wire rib.



Dub the Thorax.





Overhead view showing how the bead head appears.

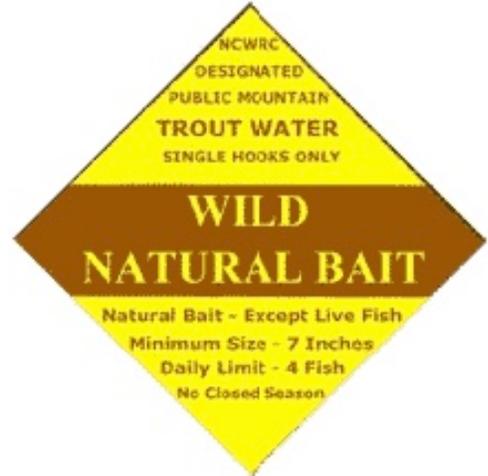


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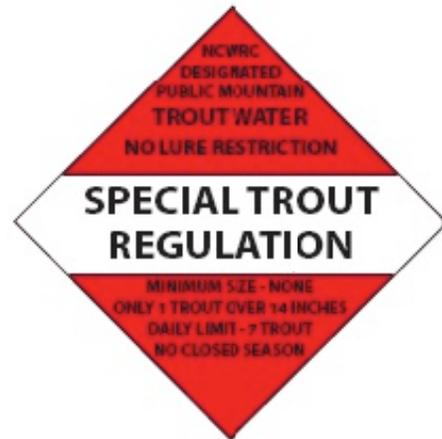


## Regulation Reminders

**W**ild Trout: **Natural Bait Waters** These streams, except as noted in the detailed regulations, may be fished with artificial lures or natural bait, except live fish. Lures and natural baits are restricted to one single hook. The minimum length limit is seven inches, and the daily creel limit is four trout. Streams are marked with brown-and-gold signs as shown at right. No closed season.



**S**pecial Regulation Trout Waters These streams are marked with white-and-red signs. **Mountain Heritage Trout Waters** Some Public Mountain Trout Waters running through or adjacent to certain cities or towns may be further classified as Mountain Heritage Trout Waters. See detailed regulations for further information regarding Special Trout Regulation Waters. No closed season.



**Please Read the Detailed Fishing Regulations for More Information**



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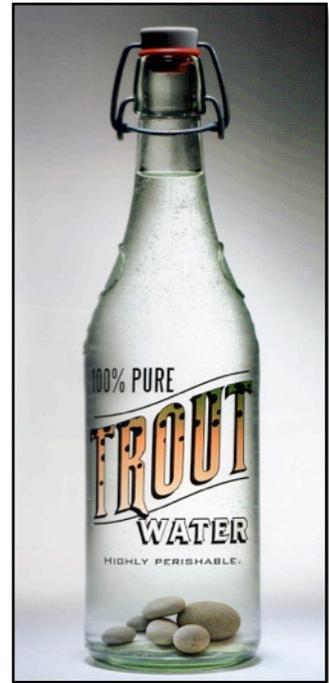
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## February ~ March Hatches

INSECT	EMERGENCE	PATTERN
EARLY DARK STONEFLIES	ALL DAY	18 PHEASANT TAIL 18 EARLY BROWN STONEFLY
BLUE QUILL PARALEPTOPHLEBIA ADOPTIVA	LATE MARCH MORNING TO EARLY AFTERNOON	18 BLUE QUILL WET & DRY 18 ADAMS
BWO BAETIS	FEBRUARY - MARCH EARLY AFTERNOONS WARM DAYS	18 BWO PARACHUTE 18 ADAMS
QUILL GORDAN EPEORUS PLEURALIS	LATE MARCH EARLY AFTERNOON	12-14 QUILL GORDAN DRY 12-14 GOLD-RIBBED HARE'S EAR

