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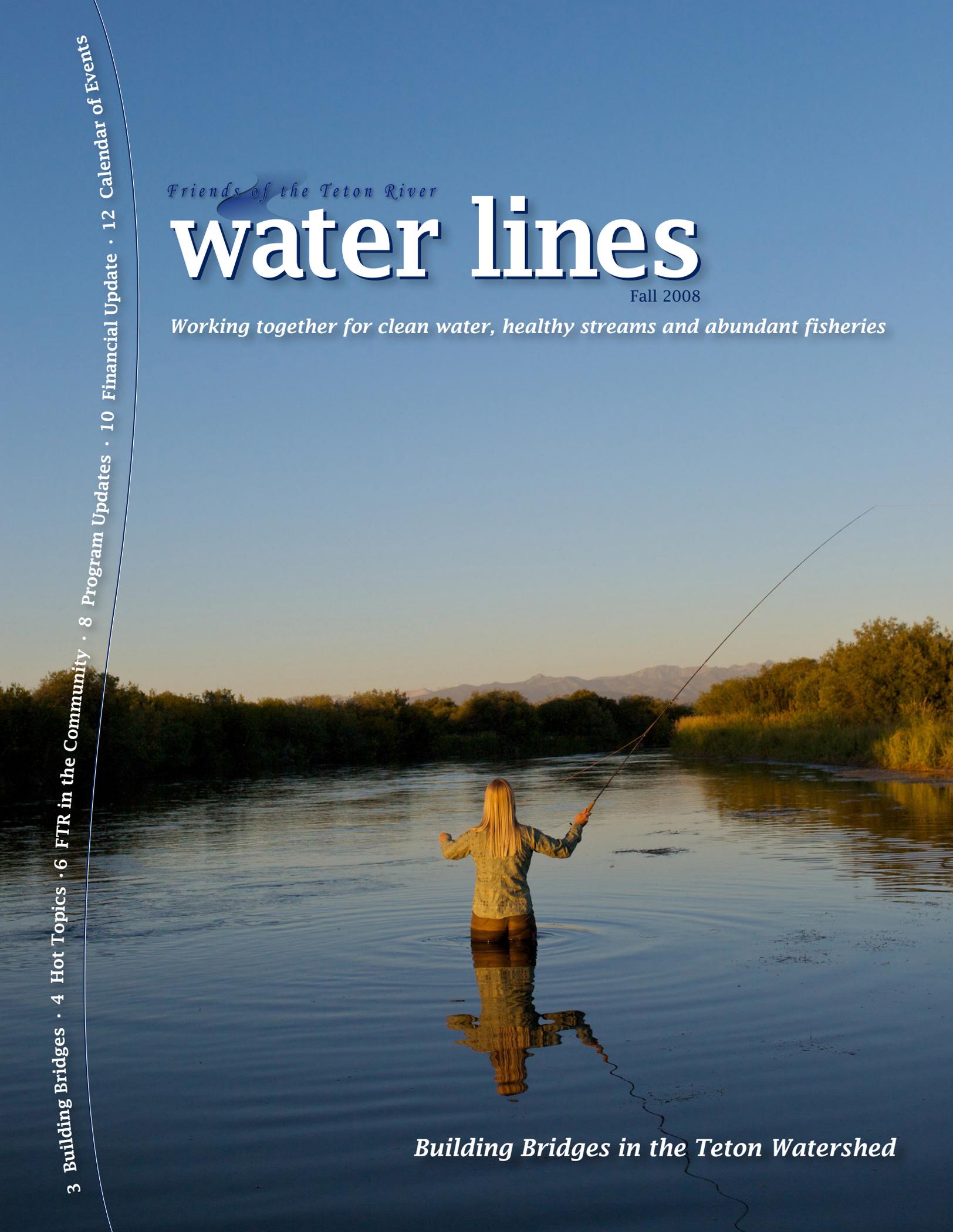
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Building Bridges in the Teton Watershed



a message from the executive director



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Welcome to our fall 2008 issue of *Water Lines!*

I am amazed that every time we publish our newsletter, it becomes increasingly difficult to fit in all the news we want to share with you. Thanks to your phenomenal support, this issue is especially packed with water-related information, along with stories about people and events. In order to communicate more effectively, we've divided the newsletter into four sections: **Program Updates, Hot Topics, FTR in the Community, and Financial Reporting.** Let us know how you like this new format, and also the Hot Topics that you'd like us to cover in the future.

The FTR board and staff have been hard at work providing water education programs for kids and adults in our community. Amy Verbeten is out in the field so frequently with school groups that we're beginning to miss her cheerful presence in the office. She has also been planning our Water-Wise series for adults, which will continue into 2009. On South Leigh Creek, Mike Lien is retrofitting our second irrigation diversion structure with protective fish screens, in addition to completing final restoration plans for Teton Creek. We are very happy to welcome Ty Mack [see page 8] as our newest staff member, in the position of Flow Restoration Director. He and I have been networking with other groups through the Columbia Basin to generate strategies for meeting agricultural, municipal, and ecological water needs. Meanwhile, Anna Lindstedt celebrates a successful year of meeting FTR fundraising goals!

On the Board of Directors front, we say farewell and many, many "thank you's" to Karen Scheid, a founding board member of FTR, whose dedication to the Teton River watershed has been immeasurable. At the same time, we welcome Dr.

Mo Brown to the FTR board and look forward to sharing with him his passion for golfing and fishing. Finally, we say thank you to Andy Steele for three years of hard work as the FTR Board President. Andy has "grown" the FTR community in ways that none of us imagined possible! In 2009, John Siverd will replace Andy at the helm, and Diane Temple will take on the role of vice president.

The Board of Directors plays a critical role in the success of any nonprofit organization, and FTR is truly blessed to have a committed, active, and visionary board.

As 2008 draws to a close, the FTR staff chose "Building Bridges in the Teton Watershed: Creating a Culture of Collaboration" as the way to summarize our past year and to move forward into 2009. At FTR, we feel that water brings people together and that working collaboratively to protect Teton Valley's precious water resources is the key to success. On pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter, Amy Verbeten discusses why FTR believes in a collaborative watershed approach; one that respects and incorporates the needs of *all* water users.

Throughout the rest of this issue of *Water Lines*, from our float on the Teton River with Congressman Hal Rogers and Vice President Dick Cheney, to the Teton and Trail Creek stakeholder groups, you'll find examples of the ways in which we are building bridges in our community. As winter draws in and the seasons turn, we invite you to join us on those bridges; join us in working together for clean water, healthy streams, and abundant fisheries.



Lyn Benjamin

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building bridges

As we reflect back on the summer of 2008, we realize how fortunate we were for the plentiful winter snow and late spring which resulted in abundant flows and great fishing into the fall. We also realize the Teton River's power to bring many different people together and want to share a few of the highlights here.

Megan Talbot, former FTR intern and daughter of FTR board member LeAnn Talbot, married Jerad Hatch on the banks of the Teton River. This wedding brought together some of Teton Valley's most recent and longest standing settlers.

Long-time friends of the Teton River, Congressman Hal Rogers and his wife Cynthia Rogers invited Vice President Dick Cheney to spend a day fishing the Teton. We were thrilled to share our favorite river with them, and to reflect on the ways in which a beautiful day on the water can blur the differences between people.

Throughout this newsletter are more stories and photos of the community coming together around water, working to build bridges throughout our watershed.



Top Left: Vice President Dick Cheney fly fishes with the Friends of the Teton River Aug. 26, 2008, outside Driggs, Idaho. Right: Vice President Dick Cheney poses for a photo with Nathan Burr, son of fishing guide Dan Burr. (White House photos by David Bohrer.) Bottom Left: Megan Talbot and Jerad Hatch wed at the Talbots' home on the Teton River. Photo by Kisa Koenig.

THE TRAIL CREEK STAKEHOLDERS GROUP

Building bridges among irrigators, conservationists, developers, and city planners

by Amy Verbeten, *Education and Outreach Director*

Over the past several months, the newly formed Trail Creek Stakeholders Group has been working to develop a collaborative water management plan for the Trail Creek sub-watershed. This diverse group of irrigators, conservationists, developers, and city planners has come together in an attempt to reconcile competing needs for Trail Creek water. They are guided by a working vision statement, developed by the group at one of their first meetings, that reads:

Water in the Trail Creek sub-watershed will be managed in a manner that provides adequate water for:

- *agriculture all season long*
- *current human needs and water-efficient future growth*
- *live water during critical periods for fisheries, riparian health, and local amenity values*

Management will be locally controlled by stakeholders as subject to Idaho water law, flexible enough to change with changing needs and changing water availability, and based on actual quantified needs and sound science.

With this vision in mind, the group has been working to quantify current and future needs for water within the sub-watershed. They have also begun to identify and investigate specific strategies for increasing water use efficiency, managing water more effectively, and finding supplemental sources of water. Over the next year, the group will begin taking steps to implement and evaluate these strategies.

Building Bridges in the Teton Watershed: Creating a Culture of Collaboration

by Amy Verbeten, *Education and Outreach Director*

“Working together for clean water, healthy streams, and abundant fisheries” is FTR’s mission statement. But to the FTR staff, it’s more than just a catchy phrase. It is something we deeply believe in, and the first two words, *working together*, explain a lot about why we work the way we do.

Over the past seven years, our founders, board, and staff have had the chance to work with people who use, value, and care for the Teton Watershed in a variety of different ways. Through our work with groups like the Teton Creek and Trail Creek Stakeholder Committees—groups made up of a diverse collection of developers, irrigators, landowners, conservationists, civic leaders, and government agency representatives, and including both valley newcomers and multigenerational old-timers—we have seen, time and again, that despite our differences, water can bring us together. We have seen this happen even in times when the greater community has been torn apart by divisive controversies.

We have come to realize, however, that this approach can work only if we make the time and effort to truly consider the diverse needs and opinions of all of those who live in our community. We would like to take this opportunity to explain why we believe that a collaborative watershed approach, where the needs of all water users are respected and included, is the most effective way to manage water in Teton Valley.



Workshops and forums help stakeholders build a shared understanding of water management issues.

In the past, natural resource decision-making has been approached largely by using a technique caricatured in Dr. Seuss’ classic children’s book, *The Lorax*. If you don’t have a first grader in your family, you may need a quick refresher on the plot of this book.

A “mossy, bossy” man-like creature, the Lorax emerges from the stump of a truffula tree when it is cut down by the story’s antagonist, the Onceler, who uses the truffula foliage to knit a versatile garment called a thneed. Claiming to “speak for the trees” and the fanciful creatures who inhabit the truffula forest, the Lorax protests the Onceler’s harvesting of the trees, which continues as his thneed-making business grows. The Lorax repeatedly berates the Onceler as he and his employees chop down trees and release environmental pollutants, decimating the truffula forest and forcing local animals to leave the area. The relationship between the two characters becomes increasingly contentious, reaching its climax when the Onceler gets terribly mad and yells at the Lorax,

***“All you do is yap yap and yell Bad!
Bad! Bad! Bad!
Well, I have my rights sir,
and I’m telling you,
I intend to go on doing
just what I do!”***

Shortly thereafter, the forest falls silent as the last truffula tree is chopped down, leading to both localized extinction of the species and the failure of the Onceler’s truffula-based business.

Fortunately, water resource managers across the country are learning that yelling “Bad! Bad! Bad! Bad!” is often not the most effective approach. Collaborative watershed management, also referred to as “watershed democracy,” has been adopted by a growing number of communities tired of fighting among themselves over shared resources. According to Jan Brown, cofounder of the Henry’s

Fork Watershed Council, “The greatest contribution has been the change from a very hostile and divisive atmosphere in which all planning, even between agencies, was fragmented, to providing a civil, constructive forum and conflict resolution ... We can tackle far more complex and thorny issues now that we have built ongoing relationships.”

Collaborative problem-solving is time intensive, and it requires a tremendous amount of trust, respect, and effective communication. The results, however, are worth it.

As researcher Catherine Hudzik observed when studying the CALFED approach to collaborative water resources planning, “Through collaboration, dialogue, and consensus building ... stakeholders with a tradition of adversarial relationships were able to build working relationships and shared understandings ... participants may not always agree, but the social capital built by this process has enabled the participants to creatively deal with challenges that previously would have resulted in an impasse or a lawsuit.”

The “social capital” Hudzik refers to is a measure of the value of the social networks that are built when people from different groups or interests work together to solve problems collectively. Through face-to-face interactions, trust is built among individuals, and this eventually knits a broad fabric of shared values, virtues, and expectations within the



Projects like this one on Badger Creek serve the needs of fish and irrigators.

community as a whole. There is evidence that the strongest, safest, healthiest, and most resilient communities are those with the highest measures of social capital, and that strong social capital is critical for a community's economic prosperity and sustainable development.

I am reminded of the story of a Trail Creek stakeholder, a multi-generational Teton Valley resident with a young family and a growing business that contributes generously to the community. Worn down by increasingly bitter fighting over community issues and what he perceived to be a widening division between demographic groups, he and his wife had seriously considered leaving the valley for good. At the end of the first Trail Creek meeting, this man commented, "It's groups like this that give me hope, and keep us here. When we sit down like this, face to face, and talk about the things we value, we realize how alike we really are. We may not agree on every issue—and that's a good thing—but when we talk with each other, rather than yelling at each other, we realize that deep down, we all really want the same things; we just have different ideas about how to get there."

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At FTR, we are dedicated to approaching water resource decision-making through collaboration, using science as the basis for creative, shared solutions. We can't claim that we do it perfectly every time, and we certainly won't

tell you it's easy. It takes a whole lot less energy and time to just jump up and down and yell "Bad! Bad! Bad! Bad!" but that didn't work for the Lorax, and we haven't seen it work well in this valley either. Achieving unity and a common purpose requires setting aside preconceived notions, so that we can work together with people we may never have agreed with before. We often have to dig deep beneath the surface of seemingly irreconcilable differences to uncover our shared values. We have to take the risk of trusting people who may be very different from us in some ways. We have to be trustworthy ourselves.

Collaboration isn't the easiest path, nor the quickest, but we deeply believe it is the most effective way for us to work toward clean water, healthy streams, and abundant fisheries. Working together, we can develop solutions that are far more effective than what we can accomplish alone. And as citizens of this valley, we also hope that the relationships people

build while participating in sub-watershed stakeholder groups will spill over into other aspects of life in our community. As a Trail Creek Stakeholder Group member so accurately summed it up in a recent meeting, "I guess it's a whole lot better to come to these kinds of meetings and talk about ways we can work together, instead of sitting around getting mad about what the other side might be coming up with behind our backs."

FTR, Teton Regional Land Trust, and Henry's Fork Watershed Council Host Tour of Restoration Projects

by Mike Lien, *Restoration Director*

On August 19, FTR, the Teton Regional Land Trust (TRLT), and the Henry's Fork Watershed Council hosted a tour of stream restoration and fish-screening projects in Teton Valley. The event was attended by 27 enthusiastic people, including members of FTR, TRLT, Trout Unlimited, the Henry's Fork Watershed Council, Teton County government, and the general public.

We started the day by touring the Badger Creek Splitter Project. Here, in 2007, FTR replaced a dilapidated agricultural diversion structure with a new state-of-the-art structure and rotating fish screens designed to prevent fish from getting stranded in a canal. Moving on, we made a stop at Teton Creek to look at a mile-long stream restoration project FTR is currently planning. This \$1.2 million project will restore a section of Teton Creek that was illegally altered by a developer for more than 20 years.

Later, we enjoyed lunch at the site of a restoration project on the Teton River implemented in collaboration involving FTR, TRLT, and the landowners, Toni and

Harley Hill. The innovative project, constructed by Intermountain Aquatics in 2004, used bio-engineering techniques, including wetland sod, to stabilize 1,065 feet of eroding streambanks. After lunch, TRLT staff gave the group an update on completed conservation easements, restoration projects, and future conservation challenges.



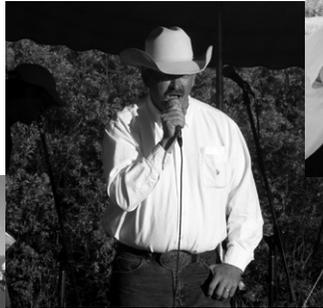
Mike Lien explains restoration work completed on the Teton River.

Thanks to everyone who attended the tour for making the day a wonderful celebration of natural resource conservation in Teton Valley!

FTR in the community

8th Annual River Party | June 2008 |

Over 300 of you joined us to celebrate on the banks of the Teton River for great music, food, and an evening with friends.



Kenny Chambers, on the microphone, called the live auction.



Chet Work and his daughter don their "shades".



Above: FTR Board and Staff were recognized for all their great work; Below: The crowd ogled over the wooden drift boat up for raffle.



Above: Tim Adams stands in line for a generous helping of BBQ dinner. Below: Kim Gillett picnics on the lawn with the kids.

Fisherman's Dinner | May 2008 |

This spring, River Rim and Orvis sponsored the Fisherman's Dinner, to benefit Yellowstone cutthroat trout habitat restoration on Teton Creek. Thank you for making this first-year event a smashing success!

Fox Creek Tour | August 2008 |

Special thanks to Blaine and Nancy Huntsman and family for hosting a reception and tour of the restoration work on their Fox Creek property.



Clockwise from Top Left: Casey Singer, Virginia and Bill Wesley, Kelly Chircop, and Becca Cook socialize by the fireplace; Jim Berkenfield donated his photograph, featured in the Orvis catalog, for auction. Pictured here with wife, Sue Berkenfield; FTR staff, Board members, and friends arrive at the Lodge's entrance; Amy and Jeff Potter mingle with the crowd.



Nancy Huntsman explains the restoration work to a group touring the site.



A Day in the Life of an FTR Intern

by Paul Hood and James Durrett, *Summer Interns*

Once again, Friends of the Teton River was very fortunate to have an excellent pair of interns, James Durrett and Paul Hood, for the duration of summer 2008. FTR interns' primary responsibilities are checking staff gauges and measuring flows in irrigation ditches throughout the valley, as well as measuring flows in Teton River tributaries. The data they collect is provided to Deputy Watermaster Denny Thomas, who uses it to administer diversion headgates. This summer, the interns also participated in an electro-fishing project, managed invasive weeds, maintained restoration projects, and collected surface water and groundwater quality data.

Throughout the summer, we encountered many events unique to Teton Valley. A typical day started by loading up the Exploder [FTR's Ford SUV] with gear needed for the day's activities. Then we would drive to the diversion sites, hop in the water, and collect the data accordingly. However, access to the sites was sometimes challenging. For instance, on one occasion Paul was driving through a farmer's field and suddenly found himself ambushed by horses. All of the 15 or so horses were scratching their teeth on the Exploder's windows.

Shortly after that incident, Paul and James found themselves measuring water in a blizzard in the middle of June. James, who permanently resides in Atlanta, Georgia, and for the summer lived in his family's cabin on the east side of Teton Pass, had to

commute to work every morning. Having spent the majority of his short driving life on dry, hot Georgia asphalt, James was suddenly driving over a steep mountain pass in a blizzard, in the middle of June, with a two-wheel-drive vehicle. As he began the descent into Idaho, he lost control on the second turn and found himself in the ditch with a couple feet of snow.

In the end, everything worked out okay, and James was able to drive away with a good lesson learned. But later in the season, while the interns were measuring water on a North Leigh Creek diversion, Paul's dog, Nimbus, was attacked by a porcupine. Another common occurrence included cows and horses chasing the interns away from the sites. All in all, it was an eventful summer.

Summer Hydrologist **Paul Hood** moved to Teton Valley in November 2007 after spending the summer fighting forest fires in California. He graduated from the University of Minnesota Duluth in May 2007, with a bachelor's degree in Physical Geography and a minor in Environmental Studies. While attending UMD, Paul worked under a grant from the Minnesota Department of Transportation with three faculty members to develop a GIS model which delineates archaic water bodies. Also while in college, he spent summers walking crude oil pipelines throughout the Midwest and the northeastern United States. The goal was to intricately map the lines, the land use adjacent to them, and any impairments found. Paul will continue to reside in Teton Valley in pursuit of another excellent powder season.

James Durrett, recipient of FTR's Summer High School Scholarship, returned to Atlanta in the middle of August to finish his senior year of high school. During his time as an intern at FTR, he gained a better understanding of hydrology and the irrigation processes and water issues in the West. He gained experience in electro-fishing and learned about the diversity of fish in Teton Valley waters. James said he is grateful for having the opportunity to spend his summer out West, and is especially thankful to Karen Scheid for funding the summer scholarship that made it all possible. The experience has inspired him to pursue a future in the environmental sciences.



program updates



FTR welcomes Streamflow Restoration Program Director

FTR is pleased to welcome Ty Mack, who will serve as the director of our new Streamflow Restoration Program. The goal of this program is to restore late summer flows to Teton Valley tributary streams during critical biological timeframes for Yellowstone cutthroat trout, in a manner consistent with existing water rights. Please stop in and introduce yourself to Ty!

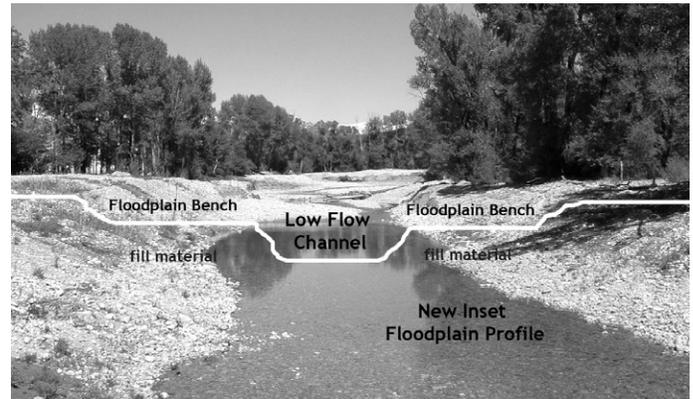
Ty Mack grew up fishing the streams and lakes of the Wind River Mountains around his hometown of Lander, Wyoming. In 1999, he earned a B.S. in Geohydrology from Montana State University and has been working with rivers ever since. Ty's diverse work experience includes years working on the Wind River Indian Reservation, where he mediated water-rights disputes as Deputy Tribal Water Engineer and, later, directed the Wind River Alliance, a startup nonprofit watershed group. These years spent working in the Wind River watershed gave him a strong working knowledge of the complexities of western water law and policy, and experience working collaboratively with irrigators on water rights issues. More recently, Ty worked for the State of Vermont's River Management Program, developing and implementing an innovative program to protect river corridors to mitigate flood and fluvial erosion hazards. The basis of this approach was to provide sound science and technical support to enable municipalities to protect undeveloped river corridors to improve water quality and reduce flood hazards. Ty and his wife Rose are excited to be back in the West and settling down in Teton Valley after nearly nine months of surfing, climbing, fishing, bicycle touring, and Spanish language immersion in South America.

Teton Creek Restoration Reaches the Final Stages of Planning!

by Mike Lien, *Restoration Director*

Restoring Teton Creek is a large and complex project that has required careful planning and collaboration among stakeholders (for project details, please refer to the spring 2008 issue of *Water Lines*). This summer, thanks to the help of the Teton Creek Stakeholders Committee (TCSC), Confluence Consulting, and many others, we have developed conceptual designs, hosted a design charrette, and held a Teton Creek Restoration public forum.

The conceptual designs, which illustrate what the project will look like on the ground, were based on the TCSC goals of protecting homes from floods and stabilizing Teton Creek, while providing ecological benefits such as improved fish and wildlife habitat. The designs include the construction of an inset floodplain in the "ditch" that Lynn Moses created when he illegally dredged and straightened Teton Creek. The inset floodplain will be sized to contain a 100-year flood event, and will feature vegetated benches designed to absorb flood energy and a low-flow channel with fish habitat designed to convey the bank-full flood event (two-year flood event.) The floodplain edges and the low-flow channel banks will be protected, using bio-engineering techniques, to prevent the channel from migrating toward infrastructure. The low-flow channel streambed will be stabilized using a variety of techniques, including grade control structures. Native vegetation will be planted along the floodplain edges, on top of the benches, and along the low-flow channel banks.



This fall, FTR will be hiring a consultant to develop the final plans. This involves adding details to the conceptual designs, such as the location and specific techniques that will be used to stabilize the low-flow channel streambanks and streambed. Once the final plans have been approved by landowners and the TCSC, they will be submitted for permits. Project construction will start in March of 2009 as per grant requirements. Project progress is, of course, completely dependent upon funding. To date, FTR has raised approximately \$600,000 of the \$1.2 million needed.

To help out, you can donate directly to the project, become a member of FTR, encourage others to help, and/or sign up to be a volunteer laborer on the project.

Education Update

by Amy Verbeten, *Education and Outreach Director*

It was a busy summer for FTR's education programs! From art to xeriscaping, PowerPoints to river floats, and kindergarteners to octogenarians, FTR's summer programming offered something for just about everyone. Here are some of the highlights:

Thanks to a generous grant from the Teton Valley Special Project Fund of the Idaho Community Foundation, 30 local kids were able to participate in the free **Art of Water Summer Day Camp** program that combined sculptural art concepts with watershed science. The classes were offered in partnership among the Teton Arts Council, Jackson-based sculptor Ben Roth, local ceramicist Allison Parker, and Friends of the Teton River.

In the two-part **Water-Wise Landscaping Series**, local gardeners learned how to conserve water in a beautiful way. A June class introduced participants to the basic principles of water-wise landscaping (xeriscaping), followed by a July tour of several local gardens that incorporated water-wise landscaping principles. Thanks to First Bank of the Tetons for their generous sponsorship



of the class and tour, to Pat Ehrman and Kristi Aslin for volunteering their time and expertise, to Phyllis Anderson and Cynthia Stoetzer for sharing their gardening tips and techniques, and to Grand Targhee Sustainable Operations and Trail Creek Nursery for their support.

Over the past six months, FTR has hosted a series of targeted classes and forums designed to address the gap between land-use planning and water management. City and county planners and elected officials, canal company representatives, state and local water managers, and private citizens have been coming together to build a shared understanding of the ways in which local governments can better incorporate water resource considerations into planning decisions. Toward this end, Idaho Department of Water Resource representatives Ernie Carlson and Shelley Keen led a **Ponds and Water Rights Workshop** in July that focused on the legal and technical aspects of water rights as they relate to ponds and other constructed water features.



Above: Mosquitos didn't deter full moon floaters in July; Top right: Native and drought-adapted plants at the First Bank of the Tetons. (Photo by Kristi Aslin)

Please contact FTR Education and Outreach Director Amy Verbeten if you would like a copy of the materials distributed at any of the past year's adult classes or workshops.

The end of the calendar year is a great time to make a gift to FTR!

2008 has proven to be the busiest year yet at FTR. In addition to stream habitat and fisheries restoration work, streamflow monitoring, surface water quality testing, and watershed education classes, we've added two new programs (streamflow restoration and groundwater monitoring), new educational opportunities (the Wednesday Water-Wise Series and kids' summer camps), and a new staff position (see page 8).

Help launch FTR into another year of working hard for our watershed, while maximizing your tax savings. Your contributions at year's end will help make the difference between a good year and a great one! Look for a year-end letter from us soon.

financial report

Dear Members and Supporters,

With so many nonprofits now serving the community—more than 40 are active in Teton Valley, Idaho, alone—and so many options for giving throughout the year, FTR would like to sincerely thank you for your investment in our organization and your commitment to a healthy watershed.

We truly depend upon your annual donations to keep our work for clean water, healthy streams, abundant fisheries, and watershed education going strong. As FTR has grown, so has our membership base and the work we are able to accomplish. Thanks to consistent public support, FTR has been able to implement successful projects and programs and can now look toward prioritizing strategies for the future.

As we consider how to make the greatest positive impacts on our watershed, I invite you to consider making a “planned charitable gift” to FTR that will make a difference, even when you are gone. There are many planned giving options that can help you provide for a charity while also creating tax benefits and/or generate income for you and your family.

Most planned gifts are deferred, meaning they are arranged now and fulfilled later, while some can begin during your lifetime. Also, some gifts are irrevocable, while others offer you the flexibility to change your gift option(s). While there are too many planned giving alternatives to list here, I have highlighted some very common ones.

- A donor can leave a gift of assets to a charity in their will, called a **bequest**.
- A **charitable remainder trust** is a gift of cash or other assets to an irrevocable trust. The donor receives annuity payments from the trust for a specified number of years and the charity receives the remainder of the trust at the end of the term.

- A **charitable lead trust**, on the other hand, designates a charity as the beneficiary of trust income for a specified number of years, and upon completion of the term, the trust assets may revert to you or other designated persons (your children or grandchildren, for example).
- A **charitable gift annuity** is a combination of an investment and a gift and provides life income to the donor (and another recipient, if desired). The designated charity accepts an irrevocable gift and, in return, obligates itself to pay a fixed and specified dollar amount to the donor(s) for life.

Whether a donor uses cash or other assets—such as real estate, artwork, book royalties, a retirement plan, or life insurance—the benefits of funding a planned gift can make this type of charitable giving very attractive to both the donor and charity. While each vehicle for planned giving has very specific benefits to the donor, some potential benefits include:

- Increasing current income for the donor or others;
- Reducing the donor’s income tax;
- Avoiding capital gains tax;
- Passing assets on to your family at a reduced tax cost;
- Making significant donations to charity.

As we look to the watershed’s future, we see conservation and wise use of our water resources, improved fisheries, water quality, and a legacy of healthy rivers and streams benefitting the next generation. This kind of long-term vision requires long-term commitment. We hope you will join us in contributing to the future of this most precious resource.

Please contact me for more information or for resources on planned giving.

Sincerely,
Anna Lindstedt, *FTR Development Director*

In Memory of

This summer, Friends of the Teton River lost two supporters and avid outdoorsmen. We remember Bill Thomas and Pete Davenport for their contributions to our community and our watershed.

BILL THOMAS

Contributed by Bill’s daughter, Jennifer Thomas

A man with a huge love of nature, Bill Thomas was an avid birder, environmentalist, and fisherman. His favorite activity of all was, of course, fishing. Whether he was fishing at his favorite spot on Teton Creek or enjoying a lazy afternoon at the Green family ranch, Bill was always at home in Teton Valley.

Bill tied flies for the Teton Valley Lodge for many years and always enjoyed spending time with Randy Berry and John Pehrson. He resided most of the year in Salt Lake City, where he had great relationships with many local fishing shops and fellow fisherman. Bill touched so many



lives with his enthusiasm for life, his great love of rivers, and his constant big smile. He will be greatly missed.

Western Rivers Flyfisher in Salt Lake City is donating to FTR the proceeds from a fly fishing raffle and the sale of Bill’s flies as a memorial gift.

PETE DAVENPORT

Contributed by John Rice

Pete Davenport graciously donated his time and expertise on several FTR projects. He spent many hours in 2005 helping with the Fox Creek Groundwater Recharge and Modeling Study. Pete was a geologist and had worked in the past as an environmental consultant. That experience was invaluable to us as he reviewed nearly 2,000 well logs in the study area and produced geologic cross-sections that helped FTR construct a valid groundwater flow model for the project area. Pete also assisted FTR staff on several occasions collecting water-quality and flow data in Teton Valley.

Living in Kelly, Wyoming, Pete was an avid outdoorsman who was into backpacking, fishing, and skiing. He was a genuinely friendly guy, with a great sense of humor. Working on projects together, we would also do a lot of laughing when we were out in the field. Thank you, Pete, for sharing your talents and spirit with us!

Memorial services for Pete were held in August.

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Tin Cup Challenge Wrap-up



Thank you for making the first Tin Cup Challenge such a huge success for the community and a record-breaking fundraiser for FTR! With your help, we raised over \$79,000 for clean water, healthy streams, abundant fisheries, and watershed education in Teton Valley. Contributors really showed their philanthropic leadership by volunteering, running in the event, and of course donating to the "Tin Cup." We are so proud of all of your hard work on our behalf and on behalf of the 35 other Teton Valley nonprofits that participated. We look forward to growing with this event in the years to come!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FTR is excited to announce the schedule for our 2008/09 Water Wise series!

This ongoing series of public presentations is designed to educate Teton Valley adults about water resource issues that affect our community. Unless otherwise noted, Water Wise classes meet on the third Wednesday of each month, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, in the Driggs Community Center. Light appetizers and an opportunity to socialize are provided during the first 30 minutes. Presentations begin promptly at 6:00.

For more information about Water Wise classes and forums, visit our website or call FTR at (208)354-3871.



Threats to the West: Preparing for species invasion *Monday, December 8*

Learn about the threats posed by aquatic nuisance species—non-native, harmful plants, animals and other organisms that have been introduced to western waterways—and what you can do to protect Teton Valley's water resources against these invaders.

Everything's Connected: Exploring the relationship between water management and water flow *Wednesday, January 14*

\$620,000 has just been awarded to the Teton and Henry's Fork Basins to study the relationship between groundwater and surface water management. Find out how this money will be spent, and how it can help water users in Teton Valley manage water more effectively. This forum is especially pertinent for Teton Valley irrigators, canal company representatives, developers, local government officials, new and long-time landowners, and full- and part-time valley residents.

Water Wise Innovations *Wednesday, February 18*

Enter into the brave new world of water-smart development! Find out what you can do to save water—and money!—in your home, your neighborhood, and beyond.

Where does the Water Go? Questions and Answers about Teton Valley's Water

Wednesday, March 18

Ever wondered where the water flowing in the canal behind your house goes, why it only runs for part of the year, or whether you can use it to water your lawn? Join Teton Valley water managers to get your questions answered!

It's Our Water: Monitoring and Protecting Water Quality in the Teton Basin

Wednesday, April 15

Friends of the Teton River has been collecting water quality data since 2001. FTR staff will provide an overview of our water quality monitoring program, share our findings about surface and groundwater quality, and discuss ways in which we can work together to protect the water we drink and recreate in.

Something Fishy

Wednesday, May 20

Get ready for the upcoming fishing season by filling your "creel" with knowledge. We will introduce the fish species you're likely to find in Teton Valley waters, discuss population trends and major issues, and celebrate local efforts to protect our valuable fishery.

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