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Legacy?**





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## Message from the President

**“When I get older, losing my hair, many years from now....”**

So sang the Beatles in their song *When I’m Sixty-Four* on the 1966 Sgt. Pepper’s album. Well, guess what? I am that guy in 2013! It’s easy to contemplate the speed of time at this stage of life and what it means for life planning. Philosophical thoughts may come to mind, like what sort of legacy will I leave? Legacy is defined as “something received from an ancestor or predecessor or from the past” (Webster). It also means how someone is remembered, and what contributions they made while they were alive.

As you will read in this issue of the summer newsletter, we’ve lost friends in the past year. Our founding Executive Director, Lyn Benjamin, was among those who defined their legacy with contributions to the Teton River watershed. Many friends celebrated her life and influence on a cold, clear Sunday in January. It gave us the chance to contemplate how we could use our time to leave something for others.

Volunteering our time is one opportunity. Financial contribution to favorite non-profit organizations is another. Friends of the Teton River has been one of my vehicles to create a “legacy” through my board service. I’m contributing time and experience gained from a career in the business sector. Recently, my wife Tina and I made a decision to add to our legacy by naming FTR as a partial beneficiary of my Individual Retirement Account (IRA). It was easy to set this up online, or alternatively I could have called the administrator of the IRA. Because FTR is a 501 (c)3 non-profit corporation, the contribution will be tax free. If you’d like to hear more, feel free to give me a shout.

What will be your legacy?

See you on the river this summer,

Chuck Iossi  
FTR Board President

# Teton Creek: A Hometown Story

by Amy Verbeten



**Left to Right:** Crews from MD Nursery at work on Phase 1; Mike Lien (right) discusses restoration plans; an early field tour with the Teton Creek Stakeholders Group.

Over the course of the past seven years, while working to restore Teton Creek, Friends of the Teton River has helped invest more than \$2.85 million into the Teton Valley economy.

More than seven years ago, FTR was approached by landowners along Teton Creek who were deeply concerned that, due to illegal channelization work, the creek’s banks had become highly unstable and presented a significant flooding risk to adjacent properties and the City of Driggs. While the developer who performed the unpermitted work had been jailed for violations of the Clean Water Act, these landowners, along with local government, were left to pick up the pieces. FTR responded by forming the Teton Creek Stakeholders Group, and promptly began assessment and fundraising work. Results of the assessment elevated Teton Creek to FTR’s number one restoration priority.

Since that time, FTR has helped raise more than \$2.85 million for the Teton Creek project, and is proud to announce that the majority of those funds have been invested directly into Teton County. “It’s truly amazing, in a town this size, to have access to such a highly

qualified, experienced team of engineers, machine operators, and stream restoration contractors,” said FTR Restoration Director Mike Lien. “We are absolutely thrilled that we are able to not only restore Teton Creek and protect private property, but to also support local jobs and provide a much-needed economic boost in the process.”

In January, Teton County issued a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) to invite interested contractors to submit their credentials for the FEMA-funded final phase of construction. The RFQ Evaluation Committee determined that out of the applicants, local landscaping firm MD Nursery was the most qualified for the project, and in March, Teton County Commissioners voted unanimously to award them the contract. This locally awarded contract means that the \$1 million granted to the county by FEMA for Teton Creek will be directly reinvested into the community.

MD held the contract for previous construction phases on Teton Creek in 2009-2010, and will be subcontracting with local stream/aquatics restoration companies Aqua Terra Restoration and Intermountain Aquatics. “MD has been a great partner on this project,” said Lien. “For the final phase, they basically created a ‘dream team’ of local contractors, all of whom have direct experience with Teton Creek and fill a unique niche in terms of specific expertise. We couldn’t be happier with the contracting decision.” Lien will work





**Left to Right:** Brigadier General Shawver, of the Idaho Dept. of Homeland Security, presents the \$1M FEMA grant to representatives from Teton County and FTR; Arlin Grimes (left) and landowner Fran McKibbin (right) survey phase 1 with a *Teton Valley News* reporter; contractors begin work on phase 2.

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closely with MD and the subcontractors to implement the project according to the stakeholder-approved design plans. FTR was awarded the project coordinator position under the FEMA grant last year, and will oversee project logistics and act as a representative for the landowners on the creek.

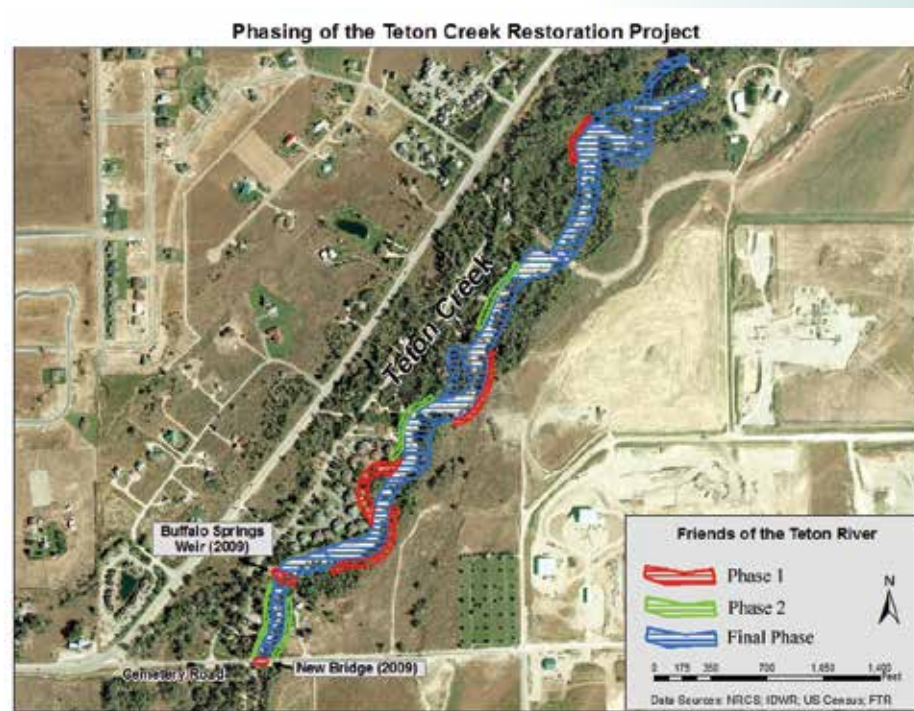
“I’ve been doing stream restoration work for more than ten years, and have worked on projects all over the western United States,” said Arlin Grimes of Aqua Terra Restoration. “The approach that FTR and the county are taking, involving so many landowners and agencies, and drawing on the expertise of local businesses, is one of the best I’ve

seen.” Other local firms involved with final or previous phases of the Teton Creek Restoration Project include Biota Research and Consulting, Harmony Design and Engineering, Owen PC Construction, Pierson Land Works, Nelson Engineering, Silverstar Communications, Fall River Rural Electric, and Mike Merigliano Consulting.

FTR anticipates that the Teton Creek final phase of construction will begin in mid-July, with the majority of implementation completed by December 2013. If you have any questions related to the project, please contact FTR Restoration Director Mike Lien.

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— *Arlin Grimes*



# The Future of the Teton River... Will It Be What You Envision?

by Sarah Rupp

My love affair with rivers began—as many do—small. As a child, I spent much of my time exploring the creek that ran near our home: catching water bugs, swimming in its slow riffles, and creating wildflower necklaces in the adjacent meadow. As I grew older I observed the importance of water in my community, recognizing that in many ways, it was the lifeblood that sustained my small mountain town. Fortunately, my career was able to grow concurrent with my love

“The ultimate test of a man’s conscience may be his willingness to sacrifice something today for future generations whose words of thanks will not be heard.”

— *Gaylord Nelson*

for rivers, and as an adult, I have been blessed with the opportunity to learn about a different river system—the Teton River—and the unique communities that thrive upon its banks.

Now, in my role as Water Resources Director and staff

attorney for Friends of the Teton River, I spend a great deal of time considering the impact that Idaho’s water policies and water priorities may have on the streams and rivers of southeastern Idaho. Recently, I reviewed the Henry’s Fork Basin Study <sup>1</sup> Interim Report, which was issued for public comment by the Bureau of Reclamation in February. The purpose of the Interim Report is to catalog the various water supply alternatives that the Bureau of Reclamation and State of Idaho, as co-funders of the study, have determined will be carried forward into the study’s final phase. While sifting through the 70-page document, I began to wonder if the study will actually help Idaho plan for the future envisioned by its citizens. Are they getting their money’s worth?



The June 5, 1976 collapse of the Teton Dam, as captured in the photographs of Mrs. Eunice Olson.

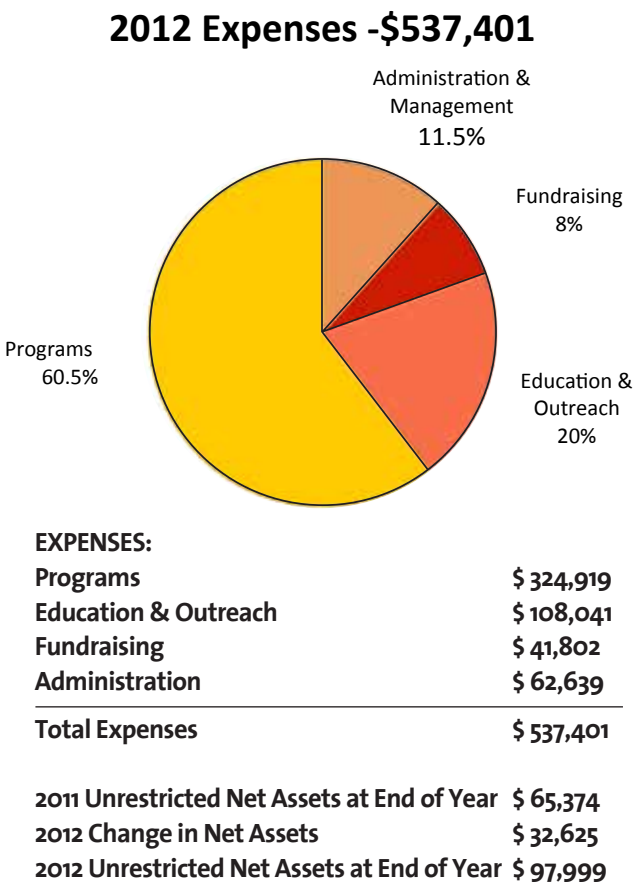
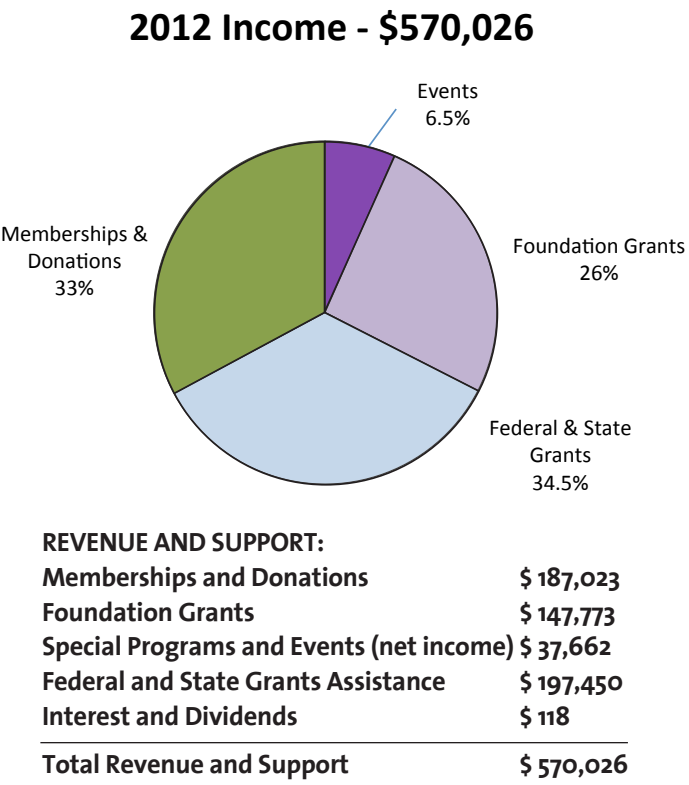
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# FTR 2012 Annual Report

Note: Friends of the Teton River strongly believes in fiscal responsibility and accountability to its membership, project partners and the general public. As of the date of this publication, our 2012 Form 990 has not been filed; however, this report accurately reflects FTR's financial position as of December 31, 2012. Please contact us if you would like a copy of the filed tax Form 990.

FTR raised \$570,026 in total revenue and support in 2012, with the majority of its funds (82.5 percent) going to on-the-ground projects and programs, including stream restoration, stream flow restoration, water quality and fisheries monitoring, and watershed education and outreach. Revenues were derived from federal and state grants (34.5 percent), foundation support (26 percent), support from individual donors (33 percent), and event revenue (6.5 percent).



# Leaving a Legacy: Creating a Healthy Future



by Anna Lindstedt

Webster's dictionary defines a legacy as:

**leg·a·cy [leg-uh-see]**

- 1. a gift of personal property, by will; a bequest
- 2. anything handed down from the past, as from an ancestor or predecessor

Legacy also means how someone is remembered, and what contributions they made while they were alive. But what does it mean to have a legacy?

The essence of a legacy is not something that is static, lifeless, or indifferent. It is something that, starting as a small seed of intent and compassion, can grow into a gift that will have a positive impact well beyond your years. It's often said that we want to "leave the world better than we found it." This idea of "leaving a legacy behind" somewhat ignores the active sense of what a legacy implies. Instead, I encourage you to "create a legacy for the future".

Creating a legacy means making decisions during your lifetime about what kind of future you want to provide for others. It is making a commitment to what you believe is important and what you want to carry on, benefit, and improve for the next generation.

Friends of the Teton River board, staff, donors, and supporters are committed to creating a healthy future for our watershed. I challenge you to support this future, not just through your current giving, but through a planned gift that will create a legacy for the rivers and streams that you value so much. Whether it's big or small, direct or indirect, a planned gift can keep your vision, passion, and commitment to our water resources alive.

## What are my planned giving options?

There are several planned giving options/bequests that can be made to FTR. Please contact us if you would like to discuss these options further, or would like FTR to be the beneficiary of a legacy gift.

**Specific Bequest:** A particular asset that you designate will go to FTR.

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**Retirement Plan Assets** can be passed on to FTR in part or in full. Check with your financial institution or planner for details.

**Stock or Securities Gifts:** Check with your financial planner or tax advisor for more information about donating stocks or securities to FTR.

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# Teton Canyon: Sustaining a Legacy of Native Trout, Free-flowing Rivers

by Amy Verbeten



**2012 Fisheries surveys reveal** that the Canyon Section of the Teton River, Bitch Creek, and Canyon Creek may be among the most important streams for preservation of Yellowstone cutthroat trout in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

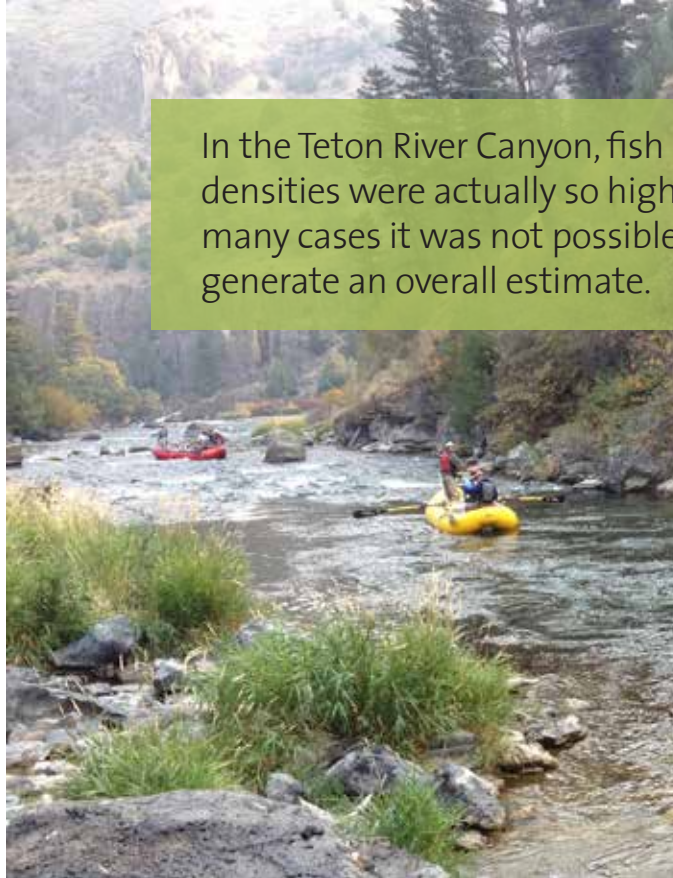
Fisheries population estimates are typically gathered through electro-fishing surveys, in which electricity is used to briefly stun fish so they can be caught, counted, and released unharmed. On small streams, fisheries technicians walk through the stream channel carrying a gas or battery powered backpack electro-fisher that weighs about 50 pounds. For larger rivers, such as the upper Teton, boats equipped with large gas-powered generators are used.

However, those who have ventured into the canyons of the Teton River, Bitch Creek, or Canyon Creek can imagine the difficulty of getting this type of equipment down (and back up!) sheer canyon walls hundreds of feet deep, not to mention navigating the highly technical, and in some cases impassible, rapids on foot or in a boat. Despite these challenges, during the summer of 2012, Idaho Fish and Game (IDFG) and Friends of the Teton River managed to gather enough data to generate the first ever population estimate for Yellowstone cutthroat trout in lower Bitch Creek, and also conducted an extensive effort in the Teton River Canyon from the Felt Dam to the old Teton Dam site. In many areas, hook and line surveys, in which fish are caught using traditional fishing methods, rather than electricity, were used. In Canyon Creek, where the stream is a bit more accessible, FTR, IDFG, and the U.S. Forest Service performed extensive electrofishing surveys.

The 2012 results have far exceeded our expectations. In lower Bitch Creek Canyon, IDFG's preliminary population estimates range from 432 to 485 Yellowstone cutthroat trout per mile of stream. This compares to the upper Teton River (valley) section—considered a highly abundant Yellowstone cutthroat trout stream—where 2011 IDFG population estimates range from 73 to 102 Yellowstone cutthroat trout per mile. In the Teton River Canyon, fish population densities were actually so high that in many cases it was not possible to generate an overall estimate. Canyon Creek was found to support a highly productive, virtually un-hybridized, spawning population of fluvial (river-run) cutthroat trout. US Forest Service fisheries biologist Lee Mabey stated that “the Teton River Canyon and associated tributaries of Bitch and Canyon creeks provide the best fluvial life history expression for Yellowstone cutthroat in the state.”

The consensus among experts is that if stronghold populations of Yellowstone cutthroat trout populations keep declining in eastern Idaho and range wide, an Endangered Species Act petition may be imminent for Yellowstone cutthroat trout, which could have dire consequences for the fishing and agricultural industries in the valley. FTR believes that, especially in light of major conservation challenges in Yellowstone Lake and the South Fork of the Snake River, data indicates that Teton Canyon streams may be some of the most important within the historic range still occupied by the species.

Idaho Fish and Game and FTR performed hook and line surveys on Bitch Creek (left) and the Teton River canyon (above right) during the summer of 2012.



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As a result of this data, FTR has redoubled its efforts to protect and restore these “last best” refugia for Yellowstone cutthroat trout. In late 2012, we worked with a landowner to restore more than 545 linear feet of Yellowstone cutthroat trout habitat and improve water quality on a reach of Bitch Creek that was previously degraded by overgrazing. We also worked with a Canyon Creek irrigator to construct a fish ladder that will allow fluvial cutthroat to move past an irrigation diversion, effectively opening more than two miles of stream to spawning. In 2013, FTR will be working with Lazy Triple Creek Ranch and stream restoration firm Confluence, Inc. on a large-scale habitat restoration project on upper Canyon Creek; we will also be working on several more fish passage projects that, when completed, will restore access to more than 35 miles of Canyon Creek spawning habitat. Under the guidance of our agency partners, we will continue to monitor Yellowstone cutthroat trout populations on Bitch and Canyon creeks, a task that will be made easier with the addition in 2012 of two Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) tag reader (interrogation) sites on Bitch Creek, as well as a summer 2013 interrogation site installation on Canyon Creek.

Perhaps the greatest threats to the canyon, however, are water storage options being proposed under the Bureau of Reclamation's Henry's Fork Basin Study. As discussed on page 5, the Basin Study Interim Report contains several water storage options that could have a devastating impact on streams and fish in the Canyon. The looming possibility of any or all of these streams being dewatered, or turned into a reservoir, further emphasizes the need for data that establishes the importance of the fisheries in the canyons of the Teton Watershed, an area FTR believes may hold the key to sustaining Yellowstone cutthroat trout in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

## Educating Our Future River Stewards

by Anna Dwinell

To endure the harsh blizzards and fierce winter winds that our valley brings, we must be resilient people. Our valley's youth are no different. This winter, three fifth-grade classes braved the cold and participated in our snow science field trip. Through collaboration with Grand Targhee Resort, students toured the resort on snowshoes digging snow pits, studying the impact snow has on our watershed, and even playing the role of a water droplet moving through the water cycle.

But we did more than just dig in the snow this winter. This year marked the first time Friends of the Teton River has been contracted to work under Teton County School District to plan and implement an after-school program at Rendezvous Upper Elementary School. The Wild About Watersheds program covered place-based topics ranging from the water cycle to water quality. During their final class, the students participated in a culminating project where they each developed an action plan for realistic measures they can take to reduce their impact on our watershed.

FTR continues to work with Basin High School to implement the Trout in the Classroom program. During this program, which is in its fifth year, students raise trout in their classroom, from eggs to fingerlings. The resident trout are used to fulfill the Idaho State Standards in high school biology and explore subjects such as genetics, evolution, population dynamics, stream ecology, chemistry, and anatomy. The program, according to Basin's team teacher Carolee Moulton, is “very effective for student engagement and success because it provides a hands-on learning experience. It also provides a situation where students are responsible for lives other than their own, and they take that responsibility seriously.” A culminating field trip will take place at Connie's Pond, where the students will release their fish, conduct a habitat survey, and learn how to cast a fishing rod.

FTR's successful and established K-12 program continues to educate our youth in a meaningful way that will surely leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.



Mrs. Donnelly's 5th grade class on a snow science adventure at Grand Targhee.



# Remembering Lyn Benjamin

Born in London's Hampstead, Lyn Benjamin fell in love with the rivers and wilderness of Idaho during a trip to the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. While working as a hydrology graduate student and technical advisor to the Henry's Fork Watershed Council, Lyn became aware of deepening community concerns about the Teton River. Drawing upon relationships she had built in the Teton Basin during her graduate studies, Lyn brought together a diverse group of farmers, river guides, research scientists, agency representatives, conservationists, and Teton Valley citizens who worked together to identify an ambitious research and restoration agenda for the Teton Watershed. In 2001, this agenda became the marching orders for the newly formed nonprofit Friends of the Teton River, with Lyn serving as the organization's executive director from its inception until the fall of 2010. Lyn passed away on January 15, 2013, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. She was surrounded by family, close friends, and her beloved dogs Tot and Jasper.



“Lyn was a passionate backcountry skier, whose telemark turns were paid for with the slow labor of climbing-skin approaches. So, her willingness to snowmobile into the Yellowstone Plateau to collect snow cores was a testament to her dedication and passion for hydrology. On one trip, in the days before cell phones, we found ourselves 20 miles from the trailhead, climbing up an increasingly steep slope in deep powder. We knew little about “high marking” on snowmobiles, especially the important part about full-throttling to maintain upward momentum. Lyn started sliding backwards down the hill, heading right for a tree, with me directly in her path. I somehow managed to jump off my machine, reach out, and grab Lyn, just before her snowmobile plowed squarely into the tree. By some luck, we got both machines started again and managed to return safely, but we agreed that it was one of those things we were glad that friends, family, and the snowmobile rental outfit didn't know about. At least these misadventures with Lyn were done in the name of science!”  
— Rob Van Kirk, Senior Scientist, Henry's Fork Foundation  
Professor of Mathematics and Statistics, Humboldt State University

“Lyn truly was a remarkable woman who was admired and respected by a wide assortment of divergent personalities, many with opposing interests. It was a rare talent indeed who could bring together such diversity and accomplish what she did, always with professionalism and dedication. I feel privileged and grateful for having known (and worked with) this remarkable woman.”  
— Edie Harrop, Teton Valley resident.

“Knowing that I am a fly fisherman, Lyn convinced me that scientific research was necessary as the basis for restoration, which would ultimately result in more and bigger fish. I'm proud that we have been able to support FTR's work, and also put Lyn's expertise to work on our own ranch in Salmon River country. She has been so instrumental, doing what she loved to protect Yellowstone cutthroat, and later bull trout and salmon. She was a woman for all fish!”  
— John Short, longtime FTR supporter

“I'm so sad and sorry for FTR's loss, for all our loss. Lyn was a real firebrand. We need more, not less, of her type.”  
— Yvon Chouinard, Patagonia, Inc.

“I first met Lyn when she began attending the semiannual meetings of the Columbia Basin Water Transactions Program on behalf of FTR. I was immediately struck by her intelligence and curiosity about water law and how to work within it to restore flows in the Teton Basin. Later, when my family visited Driggs, Idaho, on vacation, Lyn led my wife and me on a memorable float down the Teton River. It was a marvelous day and allows me to remember her where she was most fulfilled, on a river.”  
— Andrew Purkey, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation/  
Columbia Basin Water Transactions Program



Clockwise from Top left: Lyn at FTR's 2007 Annual River party; in her element on the Teton River; at the end of a commemorative float in Teton Canyon with Yvon Chouinard (middle row, to Lyn's right); Lisa Rullman and Charlie Craighead (front row, left to right); Kurt Hotchkiss and Derek Hutton (back row, left to right)

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In 2010, American Rivers commissioned a survey<sup>2</sup> to assess the opinions of southeast Idaho residents about water supply issues facing the region. A total of 300 interviews were conducted in 20 southeast and south central Idaho counties. Survey participants were asked a variety of questions aimed at determining whether people believe there is enough water in the region and how to best address water supply shortages in the future. Below I've outlined a couple of the survey questions.

### Which statement best describes how you feel about eastern Idaho's rivers?

- 59 percent - We need to strike a balance between protecting our rivers for their natural values and harnessing them to sustain economic growth.
- 29 percent - Rivers are an important part of our natural heritage and we need to protect them for our children and grandchildren.
- 7 percent - Rivers should be harnessed to provide water and power for economic growth, even if it comes at the expense of the environment.
- 5 percent - “Other,” or “don't know”.

### In your opinion, is rebuilding the Teton Dam or implementing new water efficiency measures the most effective way to meet future water needs?

- 63 percent - Implementing water efficiency measures
- 26 percent - Rebuilding Teton Dam
- 11 percent - “Other,” or “don't know”.

While these two questions are just a glimpse into what was a much more detailed exercise, they shed light on the priorities and opinions of eastern Idaho citizens. The results of the survey demonstrate a clear desire to balance the protection of rivers and the construction of dams. Further, it is clear that the public overwhelmingly supports the implementation of water efficiency measures, as a way to address eastern Idaho's future water needs. Yet review of the Henry's Fork Basin Study Interim Report reveals that there is no mention of protecting the region's rivers. In fact, the Interim Report fails to even quantify the environmental need for water in the region, or the impact that additional dewatering of the region's rivers will have on their natural value. The discrepancies between public opinion and the majority of the alternatives discussed in the Interim Report demonstrate a true disconnect. The State of Idaho and Bureau of Reclamation are not pursuing alternatives that are supported by the general public, and thus it seems unlikely that the study is going to help the State of Idaho plan for the future envisioned by its citizens.

It is expected that the Henry's Fork Basin Study will be finalized in the next 12 months, at which time formal findings will be presented to the State of Idaho for subsequent action. As the Study enters its final phase, I'm forced to recall that small stream behind my childhood home and the memories forged on its banks and the influence it had on my life. If that small stream can hold such importance in my life, how significant is the Teton

River to the citizens of eastern Idaho? Will the future they envision for that river remain viable, or will it be lost to a dam?

For more information about the Henry's Fork Basin Study, or to learn how you can get in involved, please contact Sarah Rupp at (208) 354-3871 or at sarah@tetonwater.org.

<sup>1</sup> The Henrys Fork Basin Study is a \$800,000 water study, jointly funded by the State of Idaho and the Bureau of Reclamation. In general terms, the Study seeks to identify various methods for addressing Idaho's current and future water demand. At this juncture, the Bureau of Reclamation and the State of Idaho are prepared to advance four water storage projects located in the Teton River watershed to the final phase of the study. Those projects include the construction of new dams on Canyon Creek, Badger Creek, the Teton River (replacement of the failed 1976 Teton Dam), and construction of an off-stream reservoir termed Lane Lake which would be located in the Hog Hollow area.

<sup>2</sup> The survey was conducted by Moore Information, a research firm based out of Portland, Oregon. Lest you think it was just another “hippie” poll, rest assured Moore Information conducts research for a broad range of individuals and interests groups, including Idaho's current governor, Butch Otter. Further, 59% of the survey participants identified themselves as Republicans, while only 21% of the participants identified themselves as Democrats.



## Show Your Support for Conservation

Friends of the Teton River will be releasing a first edition Teton River Conservation Stamp this June. The “stamp,” which will be a notecard-sized sticker, will feature an artist's rendering that depicts our native Yellowstone cutthroat trout or a Teton River theme, on an annual basis. The stamp will be sold at local fly shops and businesses for \$10 each, with proceeds going directly to fisheries restoration and Teton River conservation. We have the honor of revealing an original image by a distinguished local artist for the inaugural year, at our Fisherman's Dinner on June 14. In subsequent years, FTR will host a contest to choose the next piece of artwork to represent our watershed. Please look for these collectable stamps at the Victor Emporium, Habitat, Yöstmark, and other Teton Valley locations this summer—or stop by the FTR office and pick one up!





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## FTR 2013 Summer Calendar

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### 5th Annual Fisherman's Dinner Teton Springs Resort, 6-9 p.m.

Join us for an elegant evening and dinner at the Teton Springs Resort in Victor, Idaho. A live and silent auction will feature river artwork, fly fishing packages, trips, and more. All proceeds from the evening will benefit our efforts for Teton River conservation and fisheries restoration. Please reserve your tickets in advance, as space is limited. \$150 per couple.

June  
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### Fishing Guide's Night Knotty Pine Super Club, 6-9 p.m.

Area fishing guides are invited to join us at The Knotty Pine for free beer, gear, food, fishin' flicks, and river talk with FTR. This evening will get you stoked for the upcoming season.



July  
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### Nonprofit Night at the Pub Grand Teton Brewing Company, 5-8 p.m.

Join four of your favorite Teton Valley nonprofit organizations at Grand Teton Brewing in Victor, Idaho, for an evening of family fun. FTR, TRLT, TVTAP, and VARD staff will be cooking up brats and pouring beers. The brewery will donate 30 percent of its daily sales to participating organizations through the Tin Cup Challenge.



July  
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### 5th Annual Tin Cup Challenge

This is the community event of the summer! Show your support for FTR and other Teton Valley nonprofits by running or walking in the Tin Cup Challenge race events, or enjoy the fun and interactive booths in Driggs City Park. Hosted by the Community Foundation of Teton Valley, the Tin Cup raises funds for over forty nonprofit organizations that serve our great community. Make your donation online at [www.cftetonvalley.org](http://www.cftetonvalley.org).



FRIENDS OF THE TETON RIVER



13th ANNUAL TETON RIVER  
CELEBRATION & AUCTION  
SATURDAY AUGUST 3rd 5:00pm 2013 MOOSE CREEK RANCH

2013 River Party Poster by Dan Burr, available for purchase.

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### 13th Annual River Party & Auction Moose Creek Ranch, 5-9 p.m.

**NEW LOCATION!**

River folks of all ages are invited to join us at Moose Creek Ranch as we celebrate another great year of river conservation. Our annual family-style picnic will feature live music, a BBQ dinner, fun family games and activities, and a silent auction. Cost is \$15 per adult, \$5 per youth, and kids 6 and under are admitted for free.

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### Full Moon Float Rainey Fish and Game Access, 5 p.m.

Share a potluck dinner on the banks of the Teton River, and watch the moon rise as you float in your boat, with friends.

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### Birds and Fall Colors Float, 7:30 a.m.

Enjoy the sights and sounds of an early morning float down the upper Teton River. Colorful fall foliage will provide a backdrop for viewing and learning about migrating birds that rely on healthy riparian corridors.

\*Please note: Floats are free. Participants must provide their own watercraft. Assistance with shuttling is provided. Call FTR for details and to sign up in advance. 208-354-3871.

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