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Membership Meeting

Monday, 9 September

The MVFF general membership meeting will meet on Monday 9 September at 7:00pm in the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room. The program will feature a screening of the Patagonia produced documentary film "Artifishal", comparing hatchery and wild salmon and analyzing the broader impacts of hatcheries on these fisheries. Please join us for an interesting and informative presentation!

Doors will open at 6:30pm and cookies and coffee will be served.

Immediately following the membership meeting there will be a meeting of the Executive Board.

Remember

The 3rd annual F3T film tour is coming in the fall on the 20th of October. Be sure and mark your calendar.

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, 9 September

The MVFF Executive Board will meet on Monday 9 September immediately following the membership meeting. All members are welcome to attend.

Liars and Tyers

Wednesday, 25 September

Liars and Tyers will meet on Wednesday 25 September at the New Mexico Game and Fish conference room starting at 7:00pm. The fly to be tied is the *Lady Todsen*, the Club fly. The tying session will be led by professional tyer, Tim Mack. Don't miss out. Extra vises and supplies will be available for beginning tyers.

President's Corner

David Carmichael

A Good Day on the Rio Peñasco

I hope everyone has had the chance to get out on a river, stream or lake and do some fly fishing this summer. For various reasons, Miriam and I haven't done as much fishing over the past few months as we have most summers, but the few times we did get out, we had enjoyable and successful days on the water. Our most recent outing was a day trip to the Rio Peñasco a few weeks ago, during the ides of August. Air temperatures were moderately hot, from 85-90, but the water was a cool 68 degrees, making for pleasant wading. We encountered thick aquatic vegetation in many/most sections of the river, so we focused on the deeper pools, and the few splashy riffles where it was possible to fish a very shallow dropper be-



Feisty 15" male rainbow trout landed after a challenging fight in thick vegetation on the Rio Peñasco.

low a dry fly. We used a Moorish foam hopper and a #12 brown and gold rubber leg hopper as our dries, and small metallic nymph/caddis pupa patterns as the droppers. Most of the takes were on the dropper flies, although the largest fish, a heavy 16" female rainbow, was fooled with a hopper. Between us we caught 11 trout and about 20 chubs in about 4 ½ hours of fishing.

Public Lands Management News

It has been a busy summer for those in government who see it as their job to wage a comprehensive assault on our environment, the regulations intended to protect our natural resources, and the rights of the general public to have a voice in how public lands are managed. Initiatives that favor resource extraction businesses over conservation and recreational use continue to ooze out of Washington, D.C, growing into a flood of harmful policy changes that will affect many aspects of the environment of concern to anglers and other outdoor enthusiasts. Here are some examples, in no particular order.

--**Cyanide bombs are back, or not.** On August 8, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reauthorized the use of the controversial M-44 trap, or "cyanide bomb" for predator control. The poison-filled, spring loaded traps are used by the USDA Wildlife Services and 5 state agriculture departments (including New Mexico) to remove predators for the benefit of farmers and ranchers.

In 2018, about 6,500 animals were killed by the devices, but opposition to their use has been growing after the deaths of endangered species, domestic pets, and even injury to humans. In the months leading up to the reauthorization, the EPA was flooded with public comments, 99.9% of which were against the reauthorization of the M-44 trap. On August 8, the EPA decided to approve their use anyway. However, on August 15, after experiencing enormous public outrage at their decision, the agency reversed its policy. This case nicely illustrates the important role of public comment in government policy decision-making. EPA staffers will "continue to study the issue" for a report that isn't due until 2021. So, at least for the time being, the M-44 should not be in use; however, you may recall that the Gila NF is one of the places where the traps have been encountered by hikers in the past. Please be careful out there in the

woods, and watch where you walk, especially if you're bush-whacking off trail to access a stream.

--**The USFS has launched an initiative to change its implementing regulations for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).** Passed by Congress and signed by President Nixon in 1970, NEPA is one of the most important environmental regulations we have. It requires that federal decisions affecting the environment be made with the knowledge of the best available science. Moreover, the decision-making processes must be open and transparent, and the public must be provided the opportunity to learn about, and comment on proposed actions before they are approved. Failure to meet this requirement has caused projects to be delayed because the planning didn't meet legal requirements. Some representatives of the extractive industries have chafed at the requirements for public input, and they have prevailed upon the current administration to try to subvert those requirements. The new proposed rule includes 10 new kinds of projects that would be exempt from NEPA review, thus avoiding public scrutiny of those projects. In other words, projects would be shielded from precisely the sort of public review that led to the reversal of the cyanide bomb trap policy.

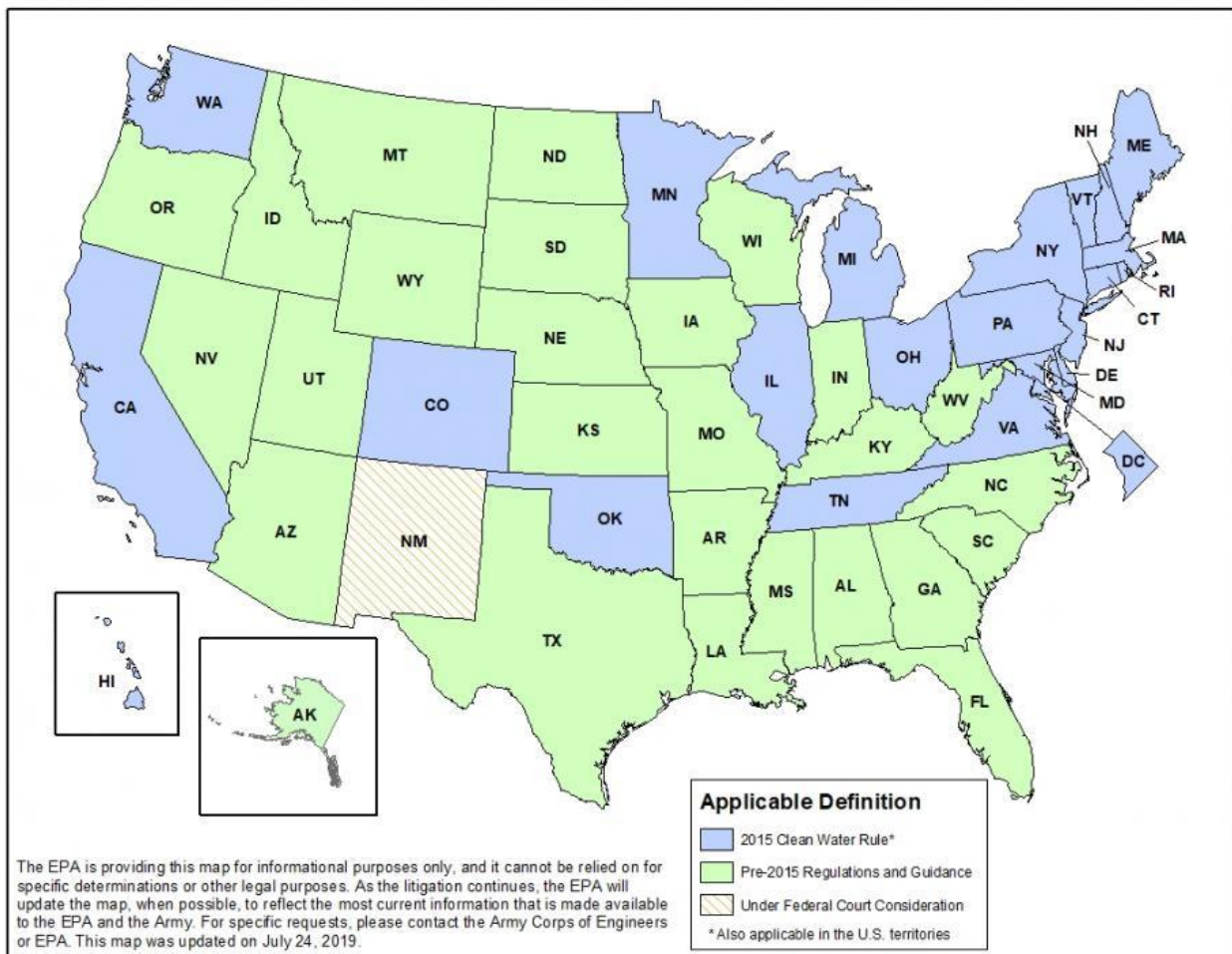
The new proposed rule would also eliminate the existing requirement to consider impacts to the USFS Sensitive Species list, including native trout species such as Westslope cutthroat, Bonneville Cutthroat and Colorado River cutthroat. The rule contains no consideration for Species of Conservation Concern that might be impacted by new development or resource extraction activities (i.e., logging, mining, oil and gas extraction). (www.tu.org/blod/u-s-forest-service-proposes-to-revise-environmental-review-under-nepa) In New Mexico and adjacent areas of neighboring states, this rule change will likely affect 17 species of threatened or endangered fish, as well as five more on the sensitive species list, including Gila trout, Apache trout, and Rio Grande cutthroat (www.fs.usda.gov/detail/r2/landmanagement/?cid=stelprdb5390116). These species occur mainly in the Gila, San Juan, and Upper and Lower Pecos drainages. The San Juan and the Lower Pecos areas would seem to be in the greatest danger of expanded resource extraction. However, a new mining project was recently proposed for the Upper Pecos river above Tererro, in an area where 12 acres of river and wet-

lands were restored after 90,000 fish were killed by mining contamination during spring runoff in the early 1990s. I really don't understand why we don't learn from these sorts of events; even after spending so much time and money to clean up after soil and water contamination, some developers and agencies seem hell-bent on making it happen again.

--Logging vs. salmon in the Tongass National Forest: it doesn't look good for the salmon. The President has directed Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue to remove logging restrictions from 16.7 million acres in the Tongass National Forest. The removal of the restrictions that have been in place for 20 years would allow logging, mining and energy development projects on more than half of the world's largest intact temperate rain forest. The Tongass is the USFS's largest single landholding, and the agency had planned to phase out old-growth logging there within a decade, because of its importance in maintaining the health of the fisheries.

In recent years, agency officials have realized the golden goose is the salmon, not the trees. They need to keep the trees standing in order to keep the fish in the creeks. (Chris Wood, President of Trout Unlimited, on logging in the Tongass)

The Tongass contains 17,000 miles of clean, undammed rivers and creeks that serve as spawning grounds for 70% of all wild salmon harvested from National Forest lands. The salmon harvested in the Tongass represent 24% of the Alaskan salmon catch, and 30% of the US western coastal salmon harvest. Old growth spruce and hemlock are critical parts of the ecosystem that supports the salmon population. The trees anchor the banks against erosion, provide shade that cools the water, and provides within-stream habitat when they fall into the rivers. Timber provides only a fraction of southeastern Alaska's jobs at less than 1 percent, compared to 8% for fishing and seafood processing and 17% for tourism. Large scale



logging results in erosion and the silting of spawning areas, and thus the decline of the fishery.

Nevertheless, we are seeing more and more examples of a clear pattern in this administration's approach to natural resources management. Despite scientific understanding and public sentiment to the contrary, the administration is consistently serving the interests of a few business leaders and ignoring the wishes of the general public.

--The administration has begun weakening the Endangered Species Act. In early August the administration announced new proposed regulations for implementing the Endangered Species Act. Early analyses make it clear that the intent of three new rules is to weaken existing environmental protections for listed species, and to make it harder to add new species to the list in the future. This is how the three-pronged approach would work to reduce protections: 1) Impacts to critical habitat are to be ignored unless they occur over the entire habitat available to the species. 2) The foreseeable impacts of climate change on a species habitat cannot be considered (because the administration position is that climate change isn't real anyway, right?). 3) The economic costs of species protection will now be factored in to decisions of whether or not to list species, or keep them on the list, when in the past those decisions have been based entirely on biological science studies. www.outsideonline.com/2400830/trump-endangered-species-act?utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=onsiteshare

The rules are being entered into the Federal Register individually, so anyone who wants to express concerns about the rule changes will need to comment on all three individually. This seems to be another example of the across-the-board effort to make it more difficult for the public to have a voice in the decision-making processes relating to land management policies.

--Pebble Mine is one step closer to obtaining a permit. At the end of July, just a few weeks after the EPA released comments critical of the Pebble Mine Draft Environmental Impact Statement, the agency turned around and withdrew the 2014 Determination that had safeguarded the Bristol Bay region from the proposed Pebble Mine and other large-scale industrial developments. (www.savebristolbay.org)

--Clean Water Rule status update. Although I've discussed the Clean Water Rule in previous newsletters (Jan 2019, April 2019) there is recent news related to court challenges to the Trump administration's proposed changes to the rule. In 2018 the administration proposed a new rule that would replace the 2015 Clean Water and make the changes applicable in February of 2020. However, the EPA webpage reports that the U. S. District Courts for the District of South Carolina and the Southern District of Washington have vacated the 2018 proposed rule. That means that the 2015 Rule is still in effect in 22 states, the District of Columbia and in the U. S. Territories. In most of the rest of the states, the pre-2015 (Bush-era) regulations are still in effect (see accompanying map). Note that the status in New Mexico is still in doubt. It is not yet clear what the next actions from the administration might be, but the question of which waters (and watersheds and municipal water supplies) will be protected or not has yet to be resolved.

Club Meeting: Screening of New Patagonia Film

Please join us for our general meeting of the club membership on Monday, September 9th at 7pm at the NMGF facility. In addition to our usual agenda of exciting and uplifting committee reports, and in lieu of a quest speaker appearance, we are hosting the



ARTIFISHAL

showing a new film by Patagonia about the sustainability of our salmon fisheries. **ARTIFISHAL** is a film about people, rivers, and the fight for the future of wild fish and the environment that supports

them. It explores wild salmon's slide toward extinction, threats posed by fish hatcheries and fish farms, and our continued loss of faith in nature. Patagonia has made the film available to us at no cost so that we and other community members can view it even though we don't live in any of the larger markets where such media releases are more readily accessible. This may be the only viewing in New Mexico. The MVFF Board will meet immediately following the regular club meeting, and everyone is invited to sit in, observe, participate, and see how the Board operates. Hope to see you there, and invite some friends to see the film, even if they're not members! [↑](#)

Lady Anglers Update

Mary Hoffman



The Lady Anglers is a group of women MVFF members who love to fly fish and have fun doing it. Information on our fishing trips is made available to women on our Lady Anglers e-mail list and through announcements in the MVFF newsletter and at club meetings. Beginners are welcome and the only requirement for joining us is MVFF membership. To join our e-mail list, or for more information, contact Mary Hoffman at (505) 710-5229 or westerngirlnm@gmail.com.

Local Fishing Note: Fishing in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado have been good to excellent this summer and, with enough water in the rivers and streams, good fishing should continue into the fall. One of our members reports that the catching has picked up on the Rio Peñasco as summer moves to a close. 📈

Fly Fishing Outreach

Ron Bellerose
Coordinator



Outreach will start again with fly tying on Tuesday September 10th from 0900 till 1100. We will tie the grif-fith gnat. This is the TU fly of the month. The times are going to

change in the future but for now it is the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Fly tying will be at my house, 1773 Seldon Ave, Las Cruces, NM.

For more information about the MVFF Fly Fishing Outreach Program contact Ron Bellerose (575-680-5516), flyfishnh@hotmail.com, also if you wish to volunteer to help out. 📈

Gila/Rio Grande Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Gila/Rio Grande Chapter (780) of Trout Unlimited

Jeff Arterburn, President



New WNTI Grant supporting stream survey

Jeff Arterburn reported that the Western Native Trout Initiative fund-

ed a small grant proposal for the continuing stream survey project to benefit Gila trout at Willow Creek, and further development of the assessment and monitoring method as a citizen science approach with Jim Brooks. These grant funds will help support the volunteer and undergraduate student training and sampling efforts that connect with two previous WNTI funded projects on Willow Creek in the Gila National Forest, to benefit the Gila Trout restoration after the 2012 Whitewater-Baldy wildfire. We are planning to schedule a presentation by Jim Brooks at the November meeting that will provide information about this and other current developments in Gila trout restoration.

Upcoming GRG-TU Events in September and October

The chapter will be teaching a fly fishing Class/workshop as part of the Gila River Festival again this year on Sunday Sept 22, 2019. The participants will meet in Silver City and then at 8:30 am travel to Whitewater Creek at the Catwalk. Registration for the class is managed through the GRF website. For anyone interested in registering for the class, please visit the GRF 2019 Web Site <https://www.gilariverfestival.org/>. The chapter will also conduct a Fly Fishing Class for the New Mexico Outdoor Economics Conference, held in Silver City on Friday October 4, 2019, with the same plan for travel to Whitewater Creek/Catwalk for the day.

Recent Native Trout Restoration and Conservation News

The USFWS reported serious problems impacting the population of Spruce Creek lineage Gila Trout in the hatchery at Mora. The following information was reported in the Mora National Fish Hatchery July newsletter: "**Spruce Creek Mortalities**. During the month of July there was an increased mortality rate in our Spruce Creek isolation room resulting in a total of 64 mortalities from our BY18 Captive Broodstock Spruce Creek population. Water quality was tested initially, followed by formalin treatments. It appeared the fish were too weak and the formalin contributed to more loss. After realizing the formalin was too stressful, salt bath treatments began. Samples were sent to the SW Fish Health Center and results are still pending. The remaining 11 fish are doing much better after daily salt baths for a two week period."

The environmental DNA sampling conducted earlier this summer on Whitewater Creek revealed positive detection of rainbow trout at a couple of sample sites, and therefore this will require a third treatment of piscicide this fall. Because of this situation, the NMDGF has delayed the plan to treat Costilla Creek for the Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout restoration project.

The chapter and NM-TU council drafted a letter to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission commenting against continuation of plans for a Gila River diversion project. The chapter was also notified that the Grant County Commission will be holding a meeting at which they will consider whether to support the proposed designation of the Gila River as Wild and Scenic. The meeting starts at 9:00 AM on September 12, and supporters are encouraged to show up at 8:30 or earlier to ensure a spot on the public comment sign-in sheet. Public comment is one of the very first items on the agenda. Additional information will be sent out by email.

Volunteers for all of these projects and activities are always needed, and members wanting to get involved in Trout Unlimited and interested in helping out on projects are asked to contact Jeff Arterburn by email to: jeffgilatu@aol.com

GRG-TU Logo T-shirts to support local trout restoration and conservation efforts.

We have some beautiful new fund-raising for trout restoration and conservation T-shirts with the GRG-TU logo in colors: green-on-ivory, and peanut-butter-on-black (see photos). These are beautiful, well-made shirts for a great cause at only \$20 each. Please include \$5 for shipping if you want the shirt(s) mailed. These are great stocking stuffers and presents for the holidays! Contact Jeff Arterburn for more details and to sign up as a volunteer: jeffgilatu@aol.com.



Green logo on ivory



Peanut butter logo on black



Club Outings Planned

The board is now discussing possible future outings and would welcome suggestions from members. Where do you want to go? Let them know. If you have comments or suggestions for additional trips pass them to any of the Board members.

There are no trips currently being planned.

After many years of organizing trips, Chuck Mueller is stepping aside, and we really need someone else to step up and take on this project. Chuck is willing to help someone get started and up to speed, but the Board members can only do so much; we need for other members to help out with planning and leading of some of the activities too. Please think about it and let David or Chuck know if you can help out.



For Sale

Mike Engelman is selling the rod carrier shown below. He is asking \$300 and says it has never been assembled or used. If interested contact Mike at engelman2@comcast.net.



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Lady Todsens**MVFF Club Fly**

Editor's Note: This article by Norm Mabie appeared in the December 1997 issue of Tale Waters. The only differences here are a slight reformatting and the addition of the color photo.

By Norm Mabie

This streamer pattern, although tied and used successfully by yours truly for a number of years, remained 'nameless'. Generally, a fly pattern assumes its name due to productivity, situations and circumstances encountered in its development or later use. The name must convey character, strength, radiant beauty and memories everlasting.

In our midst several years ago was a young lady who, in addition to being an avid fly tier and strong club supporter, possessed the aforementioned attributes. It seemed fitting to match her beautiful smile and radiant character with the warm coloration of this fly pattern. The "LADY TODSEN" was selected as the official club fly shortly before Margaret Todsens passed away. Before leaving us, she provided the background necessary for naming this fly pattern which will endure as an eternal reminder of one of the club's finest.



Fly tied and photographed by T. Mack

Hook: Mustad 9671, sizes 8 thru 12

Thread: Black 6/0

Tail: Golden Pheasant

Body (rear half): Peacock Herl

Body (front half): Burnt Orange Chenille

Beard: Black Hackle Fibers

Under Wing: Golden Pheasant Crests

Over Wing: Peacock Herl

Cheeks: Jungle Cock, Starling, or Eyed Quail Breast Feathers

Fishing Methods

This fly is generally fished the strip tease, down and across, or is frequently trolled by the boat types. The fly may be tied weighted by placing medium lead wire on the front half of the hook shank. Other suitable hooks are the Mustad 9575, 9672, or 7980.

Tying Instructions

1. Properly place hook in vise and check to insure that the hook is held securely by the vise jaws.
2. Apply thread midway on hook shank and wrap tightly back to bend of hook. Cut off excess thread.
3. Tie in approximately ten golden pheasant tippet fibers which will serve as the tail. The tail length should be about 2/3 hook shank.
4. Reverse wrap the thread to the midway point covering the excess tailing material. Cut off excess tailing material.
5. Tie in three long strands of peacock herl. Care should be exercised to insure that the tips of the herl are fairly even and that actual tie-in occurs about one inch or so from the butt ends of the herl. The butt ends are usually brittle and have a tendency to fracture when wrapped around the hook shank. Wrap thread over herl strands back to the bend of the hook, then reverse wrap thread back to the midway hook shank position. Cut off excess herl stems.
6. Align the peacock herl so that the widest or longest herl fibers will point outward when wound on the hook shank. Wrap all peacock herl simultaneously to the midway hook shank position. Tie off herl and clip off excess.
7. Advance thread to the eye position which is approximately two hook eye lengths behind the eye of the hook. Tie in the burnt orange chenille over wrapping the thread back to the midway point, then back to the

age Gila Trout in the hatchery at Mora. More details will be reported in the future.

- The environmental DNA sampling conducted earlier this summer on Whitewater Creek revealed positive detection of rainbow trout at a couple of sample sites, and therefore this will require a third treatment of piscicide this fall. Because of this situation, the NMDGF has delayed the plan to treat Costilla Creek for the Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout restoration project.
- The chapter and NM-TU council drafted a letter commenting against continuation of plans for a Gila river diversion project, and will send this to the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission in advance of their next meeting: August 26, 2019, 8:30am - 1:40pm, at the State Capitol Building Santa Fe, NM.
- The chapter was also notified that the Grant County Commission will be holding a meeting at which they will consider whether to support the proposed designation of the Gila River as Wild and Scenic. The meeting starts at 9:00 AM on September 12, and supporters are encouraged to show up at 8:30 or earlier to ensure a spot on the public comment sign-in sheet. Public comment is one of the very first items on the agenda. Additional information will be sent out by email.

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6. **NMSU American Fisheries Students.** No report.

7. **Presentations and Events.**

- The Patagonia produced documentary film "Artifishal", comparing hatchery and wild salmon and analyzing the broader impacts of hatcheries on these fisheries, will be screened at the General Membership meeting September 9th.
- The October meeting will feature a presentation by George Sanders on fly fishing in Patagonia.
- Jim Brooks has been invited for a presentation at the November meeting featuring the Citizen Science stream survey project at Wil-

low Creek, and other Gila trout updates. Jeff will contact Jim to confirm the dates.

- The December meeting date is open at this time.

8. **Rio Peñasco Lease:** No report.

9. **Other discussion items:**

- The next Board meeting will be held immediately following the general meeting on September 9th.
- The Fly Fishing Film Festival (F3T) will be held on Sunday October 20th, at Ardovino's Desert Crossing Restaurant. The cost is \$35 and covers the admission and meal. The movies included are not announced before the distribution of the film, but the trailer has recently been released. The MVFF Paypal checkout will be set up for selling tickets, and members are encouraged to purchase theirs early. Bob Silver will contact Robert Ardovino and get additional information and the press release for local advertising, and will send out email to members.
- The board is planning for the Annual Banquet to be held at St. Paul's on January 25th, 2020, with that date still to be verified. The speaker will be Skip Morris, who will give an evening dinner presentation on "Creeks", that is interesting and friendly for non-anglers too. He will also offer a demo, with options including fly tying or another specialized talk. The board discussed options and suggested that the "Make dry fly and emerger fishing work" would be a good topic for this session. The board authorized the prize committee to purchase up to \$2,000 in prizes for the banquet raffle.
- David provided an update on the status of the Mabie Legacy Scholarship. The foundation sent thank you notes from the previous year's awardees: Amberly Very, and Brice Rosales. David has been working with Jolie Tixlier at the foundation office to modify the award statement with the correct name change, and language clarifying that the full award amount is to be presented to one student annually. They also discussed the process for the departmental selection of awardees, and the timing at which they will provide infor-

mation about the awardees to the MVFF Board.

- The status of organizing the annual fall San Juan trip was discussed, and at this time still needs an individual responsible for organizing the trip. David will look into this and will report back.
- David was contacted by representatives of the Picacho Outdoor Expo, who would like to have the MVFF set up a casting booth. This is happening the same weekend as the Gila River Festival. David will get more information and decide if he will be able to host the booth.
- A staff member from the Lincoln National Forest contacted David to ask if the MVFF would be interested in members participating in work projects? He will follow up to get more details and report back.
- The New Mexico Department of Game and Fish is interested in increasing the number's of active hunters and anglers, and have established an "R-3 program" within their edu-

cation and information division. They sent a survey to sporting organizations with questions about recruitment retention and reactivation of members, and asking for potential interest in partnering efforts.

- The current MVFF logo needs to be updated with increased resolution. The important elements of design were discussed, and David has contact with a graphic artist and will begin looking into options for obtaining a new logo.
 - Jim Hulsey received an email from a former member wanting to donate some fly fishing equipment for club use, including 3 rods and reels, a vest, and some fly tying materials. Of note, he mentioned that he had taken some fly tying lessons from Norm, but had not had many opportunities to go fishing in the intervening years.
10. The **next MVFF Board Meeting** is scheduled for September 9th, immediately following the General meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm. [↑](#)



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Current Email Addresses Needed

Many of the email addresses in our files are not current as members change to other internet providers. These addresses will not be distributed, but will only be used to relay club information or reminders for club meetings and other club events. Please send your address changes to membership@mvff.org.

Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout Print

Help support the MVFF Habitat Restoration Projects and purchase a limited edition "Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout" print. This beautiful printing of an original watercolor of our native state fish is a limited series of 150 high quality 12 x 18 prints that are numbered and signed by New Mexico artist Michelle Arterburn. The cost of each individual print is \$25.00, with the proceeds dedicated towards habitat restoration projects. If you live out of town and wish the print mailed to you please add \$5 for postage. See the MVFF website for purchase.



Mabie Legacy Scholarship Fund

The Mabie Legacy Scholarship Fund is an endowed fund at New Mexico State University which is funded by MVFF member donations. Earnings from the fund are used to provide scholarships for students at NMSU majoring in fisheries or related fields.

The scholarship recipient is selected each April by the faculty members of the NMSU Department of Fish, Wildlife and Conservation Ecology.

Even though the fund is endowed additions can be made to it at any time. The larger the fund, the more earnings are available for award. If you are interested in contributing please make checks out to the **NMSU Foundation** and on the "for" line of the check, identify "Mabie Legacy Scholarship Fund, for deposit only." All contributions are tax deductible. For any questions please contact one of the MVFF Officers or Board members. If you have not made a donation to the fund please give it consideration and help honor Norm and Donna Mabie.

******* REMEMBER *******
MVFF MEMBERSHIPS & NM FISHING
LICENSES EXPIRE ON 31 MARCH

Membership Information

Membership is open to anyone who supports the activities of the club. Membership fees are shown below. Members are provided with the opportunity to attend informational monthly meetings, to purchase fishing access permits to the MVFF leased waters on the Rio Peñasco and to participate in other Club activities such as an annual awards banquet, casting clinics, fly tying classes, and Club sponsored fishing trips.

There are several options for the payment of dues. A family is defined as a club member, their spouse and all children 17 years of age or under.

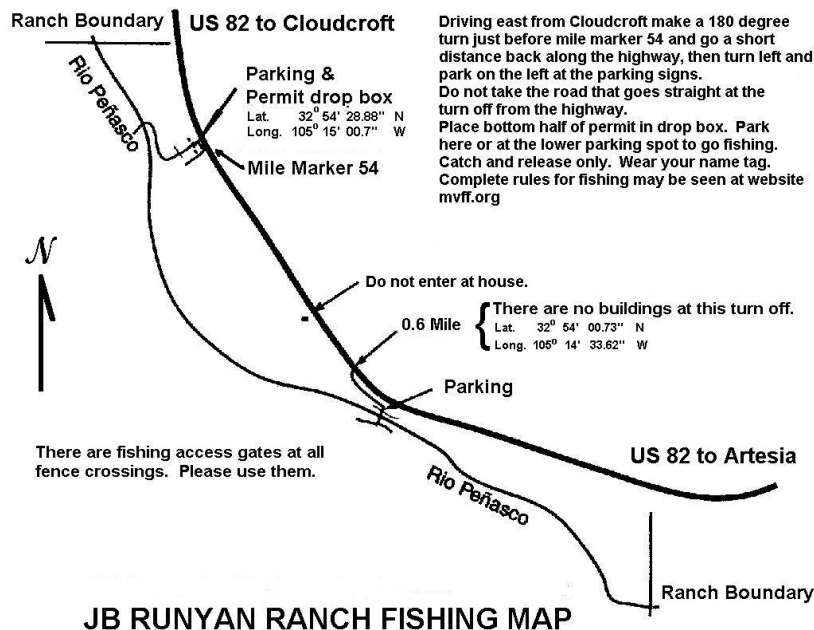
1 Year	\$20	Individual
	\$25	Family
3 Years	\$50	Individual
	\$60	Family
Life	\$400	Individual
	\$500	Family

Lease Information

Permits to fish the Club leased waters on the Rio Peñasco can be obtained from Jim Hulsey (575-524-1880) or Bob Silver (575-522-6325) in Las Cruces. Permits can be obtained from the land owner, but you should phone (575-687-3362) the night before to ensure someone will be there to sell them to you. Permits can be ordered through the club web page (mvff.org) by filling out the form and mailing as directed or, if you had rather, you may pay through PayPal. Cost is \$25.00 per day. Kids under 18 fish free but must be accompanied by an adult club member with a permit. You must be a current member (current dues have been paid) of MVFF to fish the lease. Please wear your MVFF identification badge while on the property. New or replacement badges can be obtained by contacting Bob Silver. In addition, members may purchase 1-day, 1-time permits for up to 2 guests per trip. Each guest must have a permit. One-time means a person can go as a guest one time only and must be a member to ever go again.

Directions to the Lease:

Follow NM 82 east from Cloudcroft, NM or west from Artesia, NM. The turn off to the lease is located on the right side of the road about 100 yards before mile marker 54 coming from Cloudcroft or 100 yards on the left past mile marker 54 coming from Artesia.



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Membership and/or Permit Application

(Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work/Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ email: _____

Are you a current member? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you need a name badge? _____ Yes _____ No

New Membership _____ or renewal _____?

Membership Categories: Individual Family Circle the one desired.

1 Year \$20 \$25

3 Years \$50 \$60

Life \$400 \$500

For family membership: Name of spouse _____ No. of children _____

Note: All memberships expire on 31 March. New memberships received on or after 1 January will expire on 31 March of the following year.

Membership fee if applicable \$_____
_____ Adult Permits @ \$25 per permit = \$_____

Total =\$_____

Send remittance with this form to the address shown at top of page.