



MADISON - GALLATIN CHAPTER

January 28, 1998

Mr. Thomas Marshall
Fish America Foundation
1033 North Fairfax St., Suite 200
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Tom:

The Madison-Gallatin Chapter of Trout Unlimited is pleased to sponsor the enclosed application for financial support for the Cress Springs Trout and Stream Habitat Restoration Project. This project will demonstrate how productive a cold clean source of water can be if properly taken care of. Cress Springs will become an important area for spawning and recruitment of brown, rainbow and cutthroat trout in the lower Gallatin River and upper Missouri River. Steps have been taken to fence livestock away from the restored streams and pond so that the past degradation of this resource will not occur again.

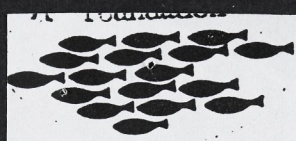
This project is a good example of what can be accomplished when private sector entities work cooperatively with public agencies. Our Chapter is pleased to be able to donate labor to the project to help re-establish bank vegetation and cover.

I would like to recognize the landowner, Mr. Marshall Ashcraft, for his foresight and dedication to recognize the feasibility of this project when others were telling him it was not possible and for his commitment to the natural environment. This resource is in very good hands under his stewardship.

We thank the Foundation for its consideration of this application. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

Tom Anacker
Chapter President



APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

(Duplication of application format permitted)

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- Michigan State University

REFERENCE NUMBER: FAF- _____
(Do not write above this line)

APPLICANT (Organization's legal name) Madison-Gallatin Chapter,
Trout Unlimited

ADDRESS P.O. Box 52 City Bozeman
State MT Zip Code 59771 Tel. No. (406) 586-9111
Fax No. (406) 586-8333

INDIVIDUAL TO BE CONTACTED: Tom Anacker
Title: Chapter President

AMOUNT OF FUNDS REQUESTED: \$15,900.00

SHORT TITLE OF PROPOSED PROJECT: Cress Springs Trout Habitat
and Stream Restoration

COMMENCEMENT DATE: 11/95 COMPLETION DATE: 6/98

OBJECTIVE(S) OF PROJECT To restore prime spawning and rearing
habitat for brown, rainbow, and cutthroat trout in this very
fertile Missouri River System headwaters stream. Cress Spring
will provide recruitment for Gallatin and Missouri Rivers.

OUTLINE OF PROPOSED PROJECT (How will applicant obtain objectives and what are expected results)
See attached pages

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DETAILED BUDGET (All grants are for one year only). If work will continue beyond one year, indicate this in the proposal. The total funding from all sources must be shown.)

Please give an itemized account of all proposed expenditures.

ITEM/DESCRIPTION	Total Budget	FAF Grant Request
<u>EQUIPMENT</u>		
- Crawler Excavator	8,400.00	8,400.00
- Backhoe	6,000.00	6,000.00
<u>EQUIPMENT OPERATOR</u>		
- Crawler Excavator	2,600.00	-0-
- Backhoe	1,700.00	-0-
<u>LABOR</u>		
- Trout Unlimited	1,800.00	donated
- Marshall	2,800.00	donated
Grass Seed 300#	1,500.00	1,500.00
Logs	7,500.00	-0-

Attach additional sheets if necessary

Total Budget \$ 32,350.00 FAF Grant Request \$ 15,900.00

CONTACT AT STATE NATURAL RESOURCE AGENCY

Name: Glann R. Phillips

Title: Chief Habitat Protection Bureau

Department: Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Address: 1420 E. 6th Avenue, P.O. Box 200701

Helena, MT 59620-0701

Phone: (406) 444-5334

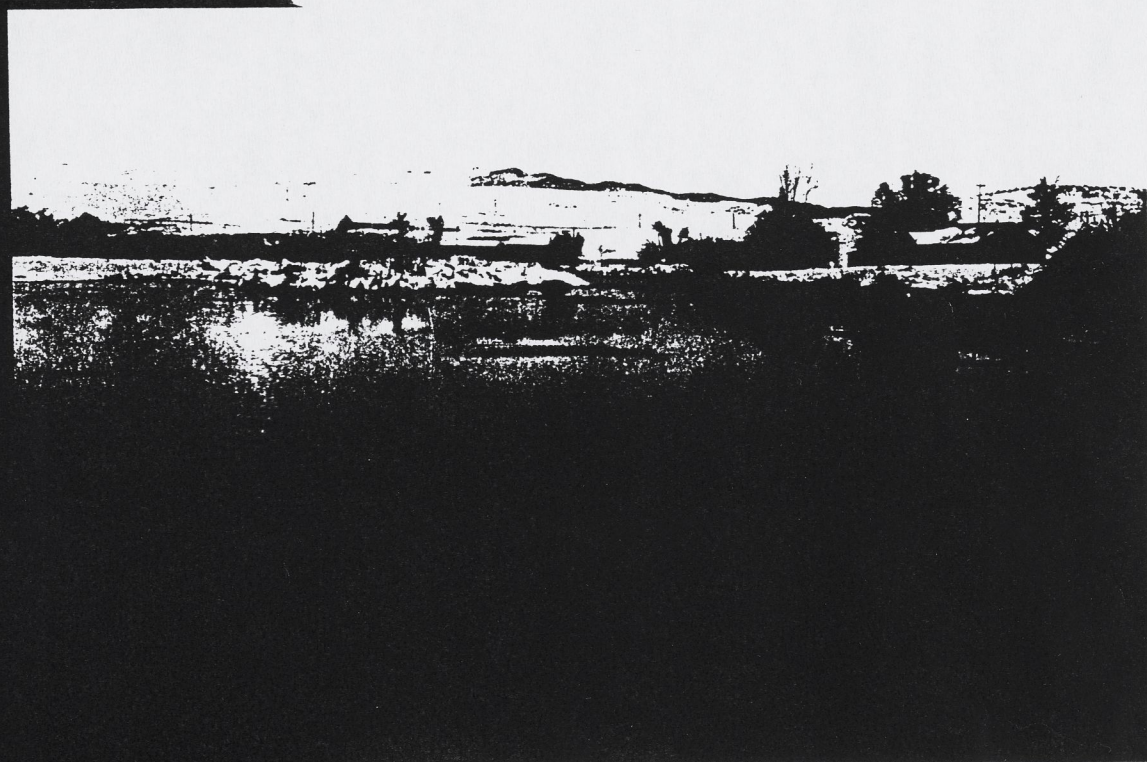
Fax: (406) 444-4952

E-mail: gPhillips@mt.gov

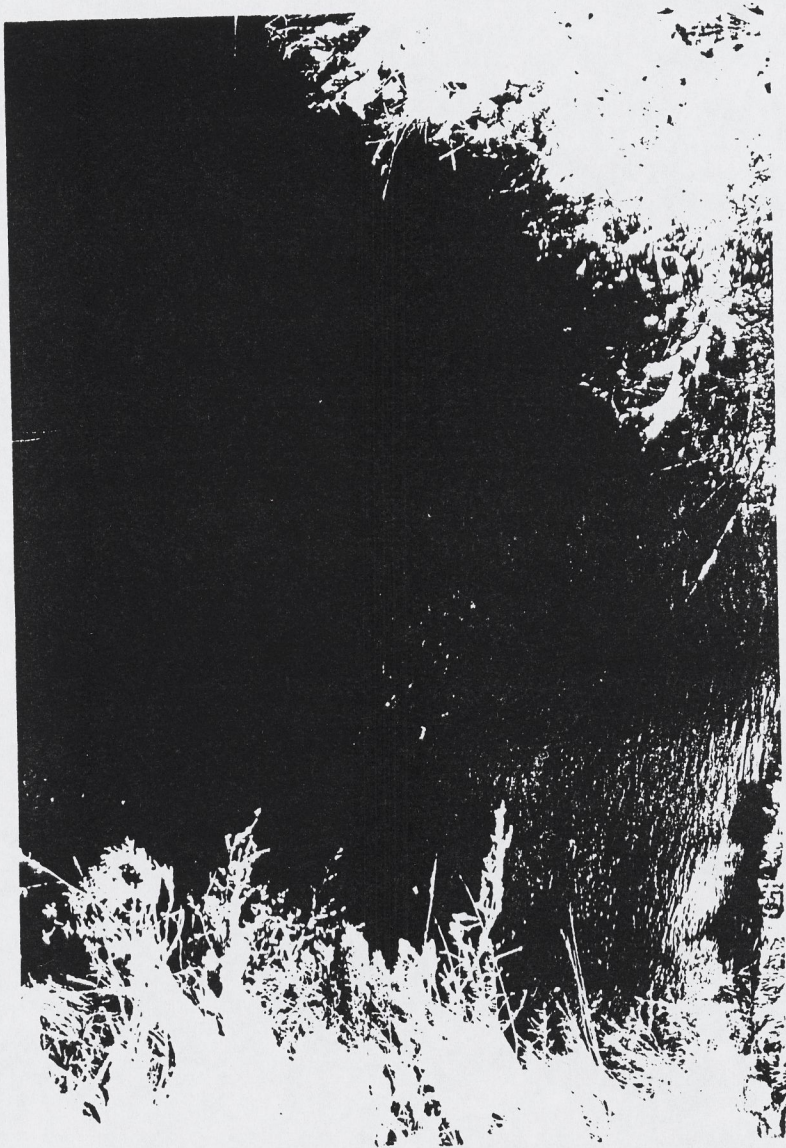
See: Agency letter attached



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**FISH AMERICA FOUNDATION
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

OUTLINE OF PROPOSED PROJECT (How will applicant obtain objectives
and what are expected results)

Funding is being sought to complete Phase III of a spring creek and trout habitat restoration project on Cress Spring Creek. This spring creek is a tributary to the Gallatin River just above the confluence of the Gallatin and Missouri Rivers near Three Forks, Montana. The total restoration project is expected to cost approximately \$120,000.00.

Mr. Marshall Ashcraft is the owner of the real property on which the restoration project is located. The head of the springs is also located on the property. The spring emerges from the ground below a rock bluff (See photograph 1) at several locations and empties into a pond (see photograph 2). When Mr. Ashcraft purchased the property the pond was obstructed by a dam and was very badly silted in. Below the dam, the creek had a straightened character, was also badly silted in, and the banks had been badly eroded due to overgrazing. Mr. Ashcraft is also restoring an adjoining creek which originates in a slough just west of the spring creek.

The first two phases of the restoration project included cleaning the pond and creating additional shoreline and habitat by creating a series of peninsulas around the pond. The dam was partially breached to create a good flow. The spring creek below the dam was partially cleaned of silt, meanders added, initial installments of spawning gravel added, and partial bank restoration. Fencing has been placed to keep livestock away from the pond and spring creek.

Phase III of the project involves obtaining and placing logs along the meander corners for habitat cover, finalization of the silt removal, finalization of the bank reconstruction and shaping, placement of additional spawning gravel, planting of willows and seeding disturbed areas with a native plant mix. The expected result of this work is to create a prime spawning, rearing, and recruitment area for fish from the Gallatin and Missouri Rivers.

The fish species in the creek include brown trout, rainbow trout and cutthroat trout. This creek contains very high quality productive water (See photograph 3), and is in an area where whirling disease is not present. The Madison-Gallatin Chapter of Trout Unlimited is providing volunteer assistance with the willow planting and is the sponsoring entity for this grant application. A copy of our IRS determination letter is attached. Please note that our exemption status is under the National TU umbrella. The landowner is providing the bulk of the funding for the project.

STATEMENT OF HOW PROJECT SUCCESS WILL BE MEASURED.

Project success will be measured by the number of resident fish established in the spring creek, the number of spawning redds in the creek, and increases in fish population numbers in the lower reaches of the Gallatin River. Fish census will be done by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks. The success will be indirectly measured by the return of fish predators, including otter, eagles and osprey.

Internal Revenue Service

Department of the Treasury

District
Director

Baltimore District

31 Hopkins Plaza, Baltimore, Md. 21201

P.O. Box 13163, Room 817
Baltimore, MD, 21203

Date: FEBRUARY 27, 1996

Employer Identification Number:
38-1612715

TROUT UNLIMITED NATIONAL OFFICE
1500 WILSON BLVD., SUITE 310
ARLINGTON, VA 22209

Person to Contact:
EP/EO Tax Examiner

Telephone Number:
(410) 962-6058

• Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to your inquiry dated February 21, 1996, requesting a copy of the letter which granted tax-exempt status to the above named organization.

Our records show that the organization was recognized as tax-exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and issued a Group Exemption Letter effective March, 1972. We have also determined that the organization is not a private foundation because it is described in section(s) 509(a)(1) and 170 (b)(1)(A)(vi). Your Group Exemption Number is 2266.

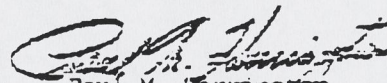
Donors may deduct contributions to you under section 170 of the Code.

You are required to submit annually, at least 90 days before the close of your annual accounting period, a statement describing any changes during this period as to the purposes, character, or method of operation of your subordinates.

A copy of our letter certifying the status of the organization is not available, however, this letter may be used to verify your tax-exempt status.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status, it should be kept in your permanent records.

Sincerely yours,


Paul M. Harrington
District Director



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

December 2, 1997

1420 E 6th Avenue
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Helena, MT 59620-0701

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Dear Mr Marshall:

This letter is to support the application of Mr. Marshall Ashcraft for Fish America Foundation Funds to complete restoration work on Cress Spring Creek. Cress Spring Creek originates on Mr. Ashcraft's property and flows for approximately three miles before entering the West Gallatin River very near Missouri Headwaters State Park (the confluences of the Madison, Jefferson and West Gallatin Rivers). This reach of the West Gallatin is recruitment limited and consequently would benefit greatly from improved spawning and rearing habitat in Cress Spring Creek.

Cress Spring Creek has become degraded (widened and shallow) over the years due to adjacent land management activities, particularly grazing. Spring Creeks, because they are usually very small drainages, often do not receive spring runoff, and hence do not sustain the flows necessary to flush sediment and build banks. Consequently, degraded spring creeks usually remain degraded even after land management practices improve unless efforts are made to mechanically restore the degraded channel.

Spring creek restoration usually involves dredging and deepening the channel, narrowing the stream by building banks, and protecting the riparian corridor by fencing. Planting woody riparian vegetation such as willows and using logs for overhead cover have also been used successfully to stabilize banks and improve fish habitat.

Mr. Ashcraft has done a great job of restoring Cress Spring Creek as it flows through his property (see attached article from Montana Outdoors). The only remaining work is to anchor logs to the stream banks on outside bends to increase channel diversity and to provide

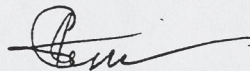
overhead cover. However, the creek as it flows through the property of a downstream landowner (Mr. Dimmock) remains degraded.

Mr. Ashcraft has been working with Mr. Dimmock to secure permission to restore the remaining 1.5 miles of creek. If this permission is granted and funding secured, the entire spring creek from its origin to its confluence with the West Gallatin River will be restored.

We estimate that it will cost approximately \$120,000 to complete all of the remaining work. Funding from the Fish America Foundation, if approved, will likely be matched with funds from our Future Fisheries Improvement Program (also described in the attached article), as well as funds from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Partners in Wildlife Program.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to write or call (406 444-5334).

Sincerely,



Glenn R. Phillips, Chief
Habitat Protection Bureau
Fisheries Division

cc: Bud Lilly



Bud Lilly's Angler's Retreat

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January 27, 1998

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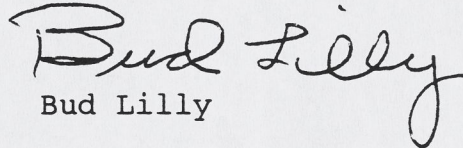
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Over the past several years, I have followed the progress of the initial phase of this project and the impact of the quality work being done. It has dramatically influenced the size and numbers of trout in the creek.

The opportunity to continue this project on Mr. Ashcraft's property and the possibility of extending the restoration for the entire length of the creek to the Gallatin River will be greatly enhanced by support from the Fish America Foundation.

Your consideration of funding as provided by the Foundation will be of great assistance to the overall project.

Sincerely,


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Sincerely,

Bud Lilly
Bud Lilly

(A) Through the concerted efforts of the current landowner, over the last three⁽³⁾ years, both by private labor and financial resources, Cress Springs Creek has been literally brought back to life as trout habitat. This has been accomplished by a methodical process of silt removal, bank repair addition of spawning gravel and fencing to prevent any further degradation of the stream and its riparian areas.

This year's effort is designed to capitalize on the above restoration work by the placement of large logs

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along the banks, as well as the planting of willows. - both designed expressly to create cover for the trout already establishing themselves in significant numbers, and especially for cover during ^{the} critical spawning cycle and first year of life.

It is expected that these efforts will further enhance ~~the~~ the population in Cross Springs, and will allow this stream to become a significant spawning tributary of the Gallatin River and the Missouri River System.