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Bud Lilly's Angler's
RETREAT
16 West Birch
Three Forks, Montana 59752

Ath: Reservations



Hugh Messman
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Dec- P.D.-

7-1-99

Dear Bud-

7-1-99

Thanks for the reply saying you received the deposit \$. A small change in dates (hopefully you can still accomodate us). Definitely now - 2 people arriving PM (Sept. 29th), staying & leaving on AM (Oct. 5th). Again we'll add 1-2 people in the next few weeks (if you have room, then) but for now these dates are definite for my father & I. As you requested, our choices for guides / boats are as follows: (see attached pink sheet) If you need more \$ for deposit or any other info....

Thurs. Sept. 30 - *

Fri. ~~Sat~~ Oct 1 - Guide/Float

Sa Oct 2 - *

Su Oct 3 - Guide/Float

Mon Oct 4 - *

Tues Oct 5 - leave

* On-our-own/wade or private water
based on your recommendations

let me know. I'll be in touch. Thanks!

Sincerely,
David Berndt
(775-828-5476)

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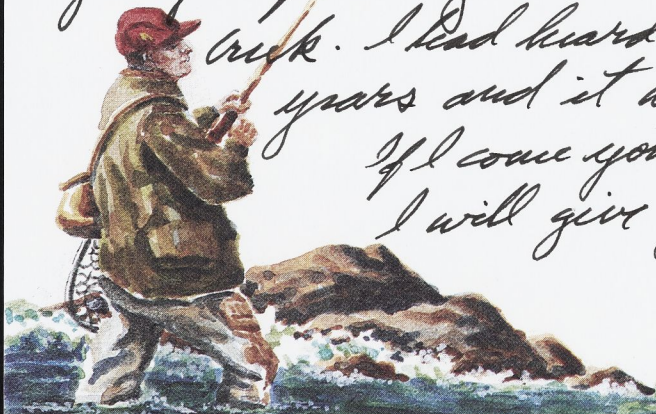
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A. W. R.

Dear Bud,

Thank you again for helping an itinerant fisherman a few weeks ago. I enjoyed my stay at The Anglers Retreat and am particularly grateful for my introduction to Willow Creek. I had heard about it for many years and it was fun to fish. If I come your way next year, I will give you a call.

Regards,
Bill Reynolds

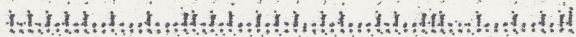


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Bud,

Just a quick note of thanks for all your help with this year's trip. Everyone caught fish and had a great time. They've all gone home and told their friends.

Thanks again and I've begun working on next year. I will contact you with dates very soon. Take care and best wishes to you and Ester.

KEVIN BRELLER

Karle/Schullery
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Bud Gilby
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9-4

Dear Bud-

We would be
honored to join you
at the Lilly's
table.

Paul

"Sarus Foraging"

from an original watercolor by

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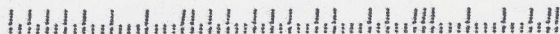


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Bud Lilly
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[Faint, illegible handwriting]

Dear Bud

Dear Bud,

Congratulations

What a nice honor. Your AMFF
award is well deserved. The ceremony
& dinner were superb. Congratulations
& best wishes for many more years
of casting a fly. Love,
Lee Bonnie & Larry

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The Lilly Family

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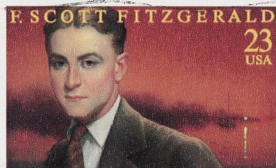
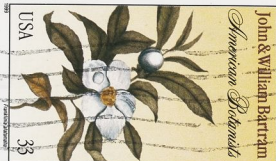
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August 1, 1999

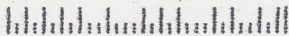
7 pounds, 5 ounces

20 1/2 inches

Mike and Rae



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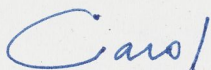
July 29, 1999

Mr. Bud Lilly
Bud Lilly's Angler's Retreat
Three Forks Montana 59752

Dear Bud:

Thank you so much for arranging my fishing trip with Rocky Miller. Rocky was an excellent guide and instructor and I thoroughly enjoyed my day with him. I sent your regards to Willow Scott and had fun telling her about my adventures in Montana, especially how productive the fishing was. Many, many thanks.

Sincerely yours,



Carol A. Wilson

*p.s. enclosed a few great photos
of some handsome FISH.*



Benthart Creek

Rocky Miller, Guide 19 July 1999



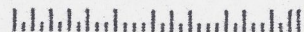
Carol Wilson 19 July 1999 Benthart Creek

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Mr. Bud Lilly
16 West Birch
Three Forks, Montana 59752



July 14, 1999

Mr. Bud Lilly
16 West Birch
Three Forks, Montana 59752

Dear Bud:

Thank you for reserving space for us for "two rods" on August 3rd at Milesnick Recreation. I am grateful for your efforts. However, I am wondering about the wisdom of taking one or both of my boys to such quality (spring-creek?) type water.

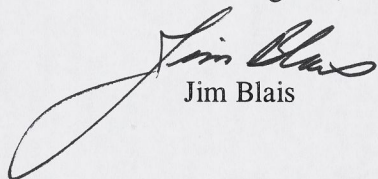
Jimmy, the oldest, is 13. He is "dog-nuts" about fly fishing and has the desire and interest to be very good at it some day. His casting skills are good to excellent for a thirteen year old but does not land a fly perfectly as I perceived needs to be done in a Spring Creek environment.

Jonathon, the youngest, is 11. He enjoys going fly fishing with us but has yet to show Jimmy's level of enthusiasm. Jonathan and I are working on his casting rhythm, etc. and he is probably more normal in his fishing abilities for a child of his age.

With all of the wonderful "public" water available to us and the beginning & developing fly fishing skill level of my boys, I just am wondering if it would be wiser to ask you to cancel the reservation? I just wanted to pose my situation to you and seek your input. I will try to call you and discuss sometime next week after you have had time to receive this.

Looking forward to meeting and saying at your Angler's Retreat August 1-4th.

Best regards,



Jim Blais



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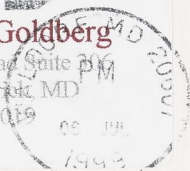


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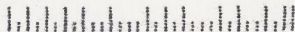
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59752





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Dr. Fred

Dear Bud,

Just a note to confirm our arrival on July 17 for four nights. Our flight does not arrive in Bozeman until 10:30 PM - so I would estimate that it will take us another hour or so to get our luggage, pick up our rental car and drive over to Three Forks. If we can somehow make this more convenient for you, please let us know. We are very much looking forward to meeting you and spending an enjoyable time in your beautiful part of the world. Sheldon (410-535-4477)

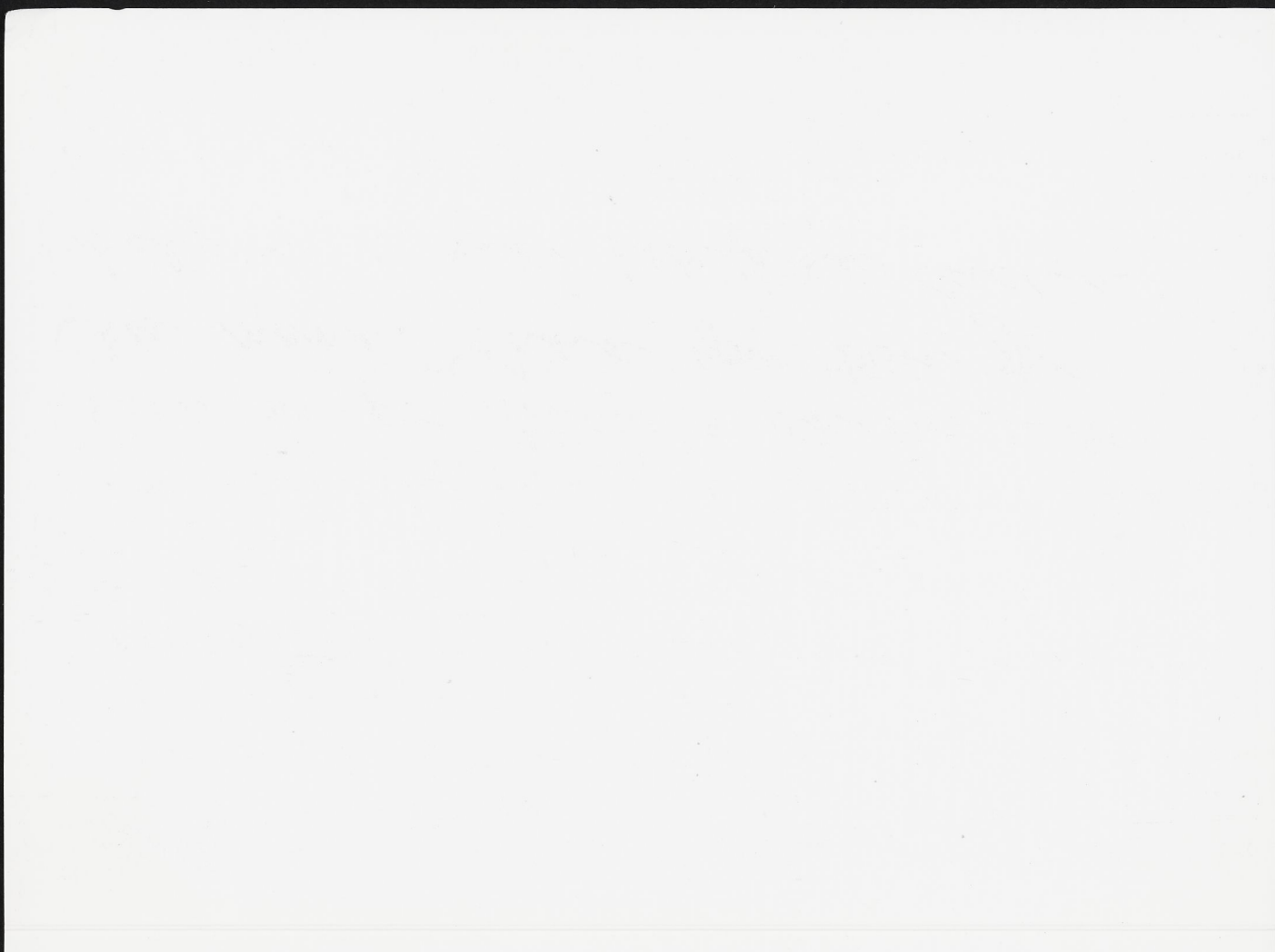
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Esther & Bud — it was such a
treat to have dinner with you,
at home!! — the very best restaurant
in town — lots of time to catch up
and a healthy meal. Also, it was
nice to put Alissa's charm with
her name. Thank you both for
helping to make Montana such a
special place for us —

Sherril



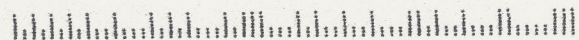
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Hi Bud

Hope all is well with you & your family. We're all really looking forward to coming down in June again. I think maybe this could turn into a annual.

Beh

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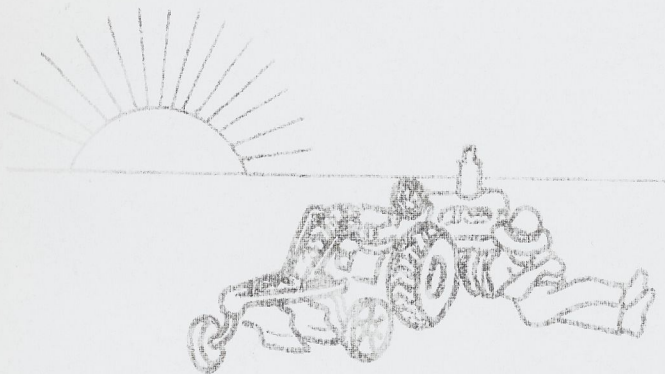
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Bud Lilly's Anglers Retreat
PO Box 983
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Three Forks, MT 59752

3/24/00

Dear Bud Lilly:

I was talking about an August 8&9 reservation for your fishing lodge; I have also been trying to co-ordinate this date with my sisters (females) and it is like pushing a 60 foot log chain. So, what I would like:

I want reservations for 7 people. I think I can count on that. Would that side backyard cottage handle a group like this or would it be several rooms in the main lodge?

I would also like to line up a day's worth of guided trout fishing, ideally via a dory on a river. We would fish either the 8 or 9 of August and I would think our entire party would go but we would have 4 adults and 3 kids who fish like me, i.e. the experience rather than the results. What I would like is the boat ride through some beautiful country guided by a character with a great shorelunch.

So, please re-estimate what the cost would be....

Sincerely yours,

Mike Martin

701-437-3259 (NIPs or early AM)

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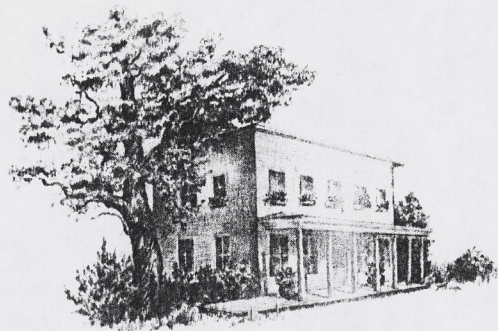
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Register

3/29/00

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03/07/00	1427		Three Forks Cha...	Dues		-90.00		225.76
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03/09/00			Mayo Clinic Dr's	Deposits-Held		1,500.00		1,755.71
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Bud Lilly's Angler's Retreat

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(406) 285-6690

03/29/00

Dear Mike,

August 8, 9, for seven people
I suggest 2 bedroom, sitting
room, Kitchen, Bathroom suite
plus 3 adjacent bedrooms,
TV. Video lounge. Bedrooms
have face bowls plus a second
bathroom tub and shower.

All on same floor. 250⁰⁰ + tax
per day

option #2 Larger 2 bedroom
suite + 3 bedrooms upstairs
as above in option #1. 285⁰⁰ + tax
per day.

Cottage has only 2 twin beds, a pull
out couch, Kitchen and bathroom.
\$125⁰⁰ + tax per day.

—OVER—

Fishing float trips best for two adults per boat. Guides will sometimes add one child. Rate ^{\$}300-^{\$}355 per day per boat. They provide lunch and all transportation.

Option #2. Raft trip on the Gallatin river. Everyone in one raft for scenic trip no fishing. Rate see ^{www.montana} ~~see~~ ^{whitewater} ~~see~~ ^{.com} Or a combination of option #1 and #2.

*Note if you need less than 3 extra bedrooms deduct \$500 per day for each bedroom.

If you chose option #1, you would have entire floor reserved for complete privacy. (Just a suggestion August 9th would be good day to float and fish. Since you could plan a full day.
Look forward to your reply. Bud Kelly



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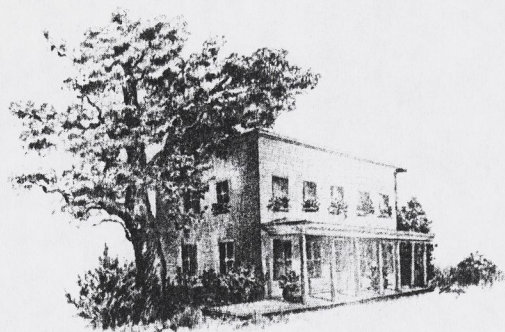
Dear Terry,

This is to confirm your reservation for Sept 10, 11, 12, 13 depart Sept. 14. Rate \$250.00 + tax per day.

Two bedroom suite + bedrooms all on level two. Includes TV. Video lounge, laundry, bathrooms.

Fishing guides for 4 people Sept 11, 12, 13. Reservations Sept 11 Melesnick Ranch. \$50.00 per angler. Sept 12 Willow Creek No fee. Sept 13 River Float trip. This can be adjusted as needed. Your outfitter will contact you
yours
Bud Lilly

285-3436



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04/06/00

Dear Paul,

This is to confirm the reservation
as we discussed:

May 3 - 2 bedroom suite 100⁰⁰ + tax
" 4 - 6 beds main lodge (2 suites
+ 2 bedrooms with face
bowls and share bathroom
2 beds in cottage with all
amenities.

" - 5, 6 " " 625⁰⁰ + tax
per day

" 7 - 2 bedroom suite - 100⁰⁰ + tax
per day

Guides May 4 and 7 1 only

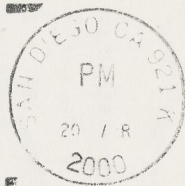
" 556 4 guides each day.
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Please send \$500⁰⁰ deposit, check
or VISA, MC.

Thank you

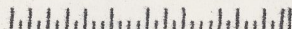
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BUD Lilly's Anglers
RETREAT

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Lilly Family,

Thank you so much for sending
me your Book! Beautifully
done & the names looked
great.

Hope all is well.

If even is so look me

if ever u SD look me
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Hope to see you
soon.

Love

Phil



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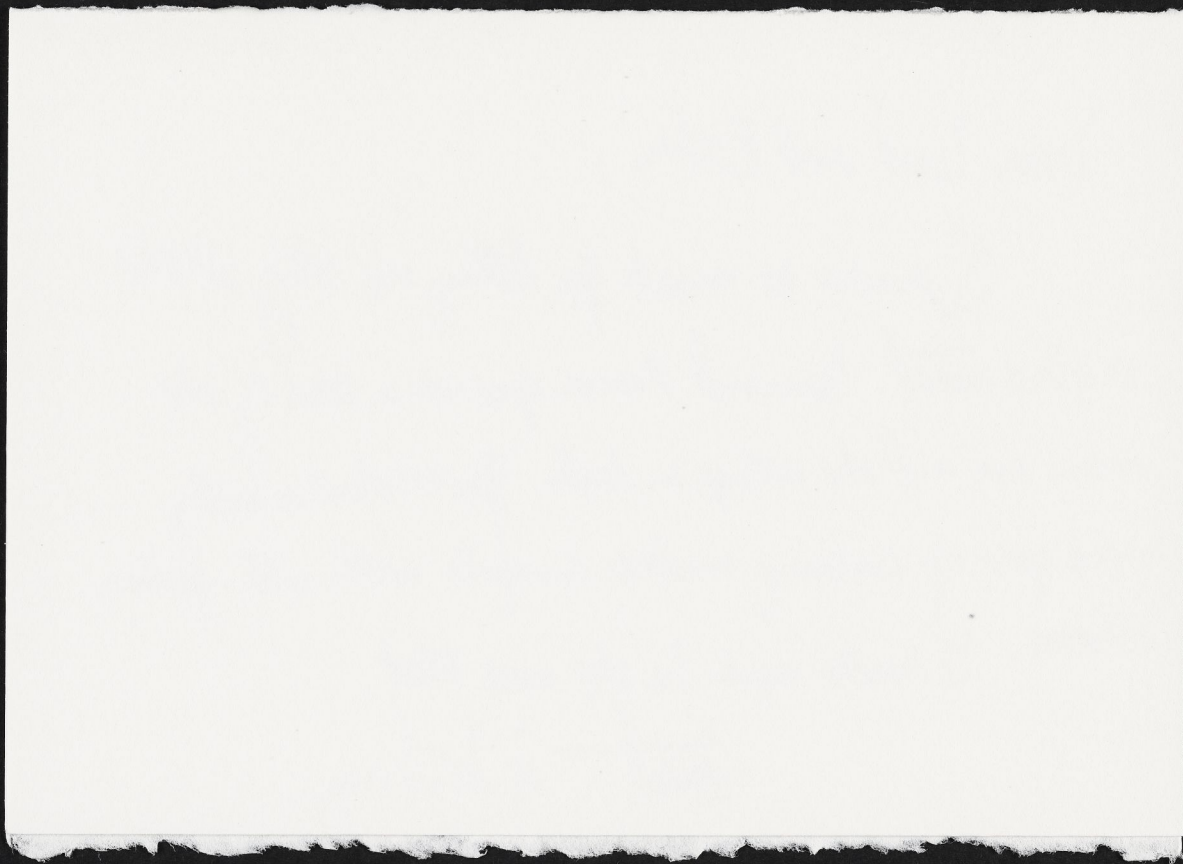


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Dear Bud and Esther,

Thanks so much for letting us stay at the angler's retreat. Jane and Norma gave us a tour of the main inn and the cottage in back. You've done a really nice job of combining modern comforts with old-fashion charm. Thanks again for the nice treat.

Aunt & Kim





January 15, 1998

Bud Lilly
2007 Sourdough Rd.
Bozeman, MT 59715

Dear Dad:

Thanks for the call this morning to arrange a float trip for Louis DeTesa. I thought it would be helpful if I operate with you just as we do our other referral agents. I will send a letter to you confirming the reservation so you know I have it correct. This gives you one for you file and I have a copy for my file.

Per our conversation, I have Louis in the book to fish June 16th on the Big Hole. We will plan on rendezvousing with him in Twin Bridges about 9:00am. If possible it would be a good idea for him to call me the night before to touch base.

You said you believe he will have his wife along but she will not fish. I will plan on two lunches and if things change he and I can discuss that the night before the trip.

I have ordered a rod from Winston. I got the two piece because the price was a bit better. I suspect Dave will not do a great deal of traveling.

I'll let you know when it is ready. Please keep it between the two of us as to what we are doing. You can imagine how embarrassing it would be for me if Dave let it slip how he acquired the rod and word got back to Winston.

Thanks again for the business. We really appreciate it and I think your guest should be right on top of the hatch.

Greg

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Greg Lilly", written over a faint, illegible background of text.

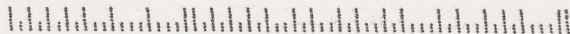


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7/26

Dear Bud,

Thanks very much for teaching
me the "suicide cast." We had a
great time!

Please send some of your Three
Forts material. I would love to come
out some time and learn about those
rivers.

Best wishes,

Tench

Nathaniel Pryor Reed

December 28, 1999

Bud Lilly
P.O. Box 983
16 West Birch
Three Forks, MO 59752

Dear Bud,

I will always remember you with keen appreciation as one of the greatest fishing guides ever and a gentleman on top of the profession.

Jack Anderson made an enormous impression on me. He challenged me to make decisions that I have never regretted making. The only lasting disappointment is the fact that the Craighead brothers will not admit that they could be wrong despite the fact that the grizzly bear is making a comeback that is truly remarkable. Their bitterness toward Jack's decision to close the garbage dumps and end their unsupervised studies within the park has festered for these many years. I suspect age and alcohol have something to do with their resentment on being proven wrong! I will never forget the printout of a drawing showing the last grizzly bear becoming extinction in 1982! Charlie Loveless stated: "Frank, when you put garbage into a computer, you get garbage as an end product!" I thought Starker Leopold was going to bust his gut laughing so hard!

I am concerned about the long-term impacts that whirling disease will have on the outthroat trout populations within Yellowstone.

Bud, I am coming out for the Yellowstone Foundation meeting on May 19th. I am "free" May 21st after I have visited the northern range and seen some wolves. I could spend the nights of May 21, 22 and 23 with you. Obviously, I would want to fish every minute that I am free. The last two years I have fished the spring creeks in the Livingstone area, but the weed had not developed and it was quite boring to fish over spawned out rainbows that had no cover.

I would like to try to find some sport in your area. I promised Craig Matthews' who is serving on the Foundation board that I would fish a day with him. I would really enjoy a day with you.

I can only hope the citizens of Montana care enough about the future of their wonderful state to vote for Hal. He seems to be the kind of man we so desperately need in the Rocky Mountain region.

Warmest best wishes,



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Sept. 13, 1999

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Dear Bud:

Congratulations on the recognition from the American Museum of Fly Fishing!

It was certainly well deserved.

I wish that we could have come to the dinner last Saturday, but we just returned from vacation and I didn't know about it until it was too late to make plans.

I hope that we can still get together one of these days to do some fishing and swap some tales.

Your Friend,

Richard J. Wesnick
Editor

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Three Forks, MT 59752

Bud I got The Other
fish on Front how it
Just to see how it
would look.
Let me know if these
are what you had in
mind.
Q

HISTORY

The original "hotel" was built about 1910 during the arrival of the railroad in Three Forks. Bud Lilly's family aunt acquired the business as a boarding and rooming house in 1914. Bud's mother, Violet, purchased the property from Aunt Deal in 1944.

At her passing, at the age of 90, Violet left the legacy to Bud, following 50 years of ownership. In early 1995 Bud had a complete renovation done to create a fishing lodge. However, the atmosphere of the early period still remains, but with excellent taste. Many of the original furnishings remain in use.

Violet's personal apartment is maintained just as she left it, as a reminder of the past. Antiques and collectibles of her pioneer family are on display for guests to enjoy.

Bud's mother came from a pioneer family that arrived in Virginia City, Montana in 1864. In fact her great-grandmother, Granny Yates, was Wagon Master and made 13 journeys across the plains after her 49th birthday between St. Louis, Missouri and Montana.

Bud's father had two uncles that were outfitters and guides in Yellowstone Park during the 1870-1890's. This genetic background from both parents lead Bud into a lifetime of pioneering many early innovations with his fly fishing business at West Yellowstone, MT and the now the "Angler's Retreat" in Three Forks.

FISHING AND SIGHTSEEING THE FISHING

The climate in Three Forks which is located near the Headwaters of the Missouri river, provides opportunities to fish or play golf any month of the year. The Madison, Gallatin and Jefferson rivers all join to create the Missouri. These rivers are only a few miles from the retreat.

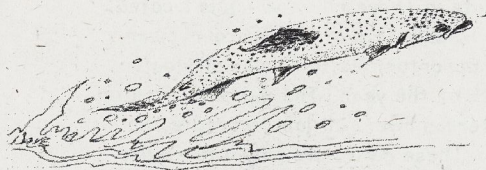
Other major rivers easily reached from the "Retreat" are the Ruby, Beaverhead and Big Hole, 1 to 1-1/2 hour driving time. The Yellowstone, Boulder and West Boulder rivers, 1 to 1-1/2 hours driving time. Yellowstone Park waters are 1-1/2 to 2 hours.

There are a number of small rivers and creeks, lakes and ponds just minutes from the retreat. With the opportunity to grow up from childhood fishing all these waters and then as outfitter and guide for a lifetime of business, qualifies Bud to help you enjoy the best fishing during the time of your stay at the "Angler's Retreat".

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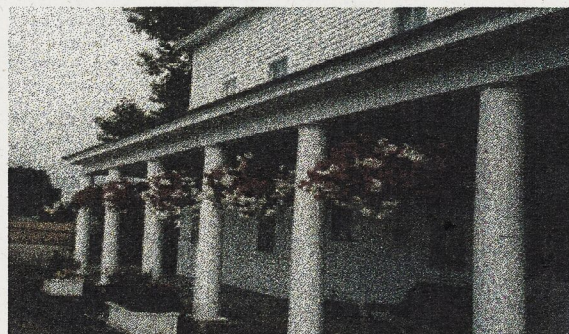
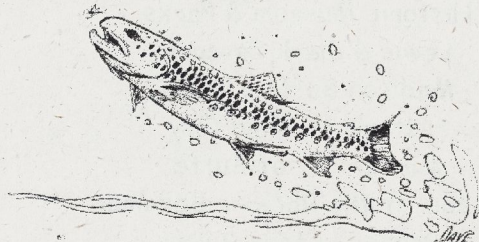
SEASONS

Early - March 15 - May 15

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Request detailed list of
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P.S. I've started reading Tom Brinkshaw's, "The Greatest Generation." A good book!

September 26, 1999

Dear Bud,

Just a note to say thanks again for a great time had by all 7 of us in Three Forks. I expect we'll try to make that an annual event. Jim and Walt ⁺ thoroughly enjoyed the environment, the fishing, & the companionship, even though the fishing wasn't as good as it had been there for me in the fall of '98.

Thanks for suggesting the hole in the ~~the~~ Gallatin below Black Butte Ranch. I did take a few there, but none as large as the rainbow you caught there. Our ^{fishing} time in W. Yellowstone was quite limited, only 2 afternoons, as we had to head for home first thing Wednesday. So I decided to concentrate on the Gallatin and get to know it better. It's one of my favorite waters in the area anyway.

Do you have an address for Karl Johnson? I'd like to let him know that although I didn't catch either of the 2 fish he had been watching on Monday, I did take a nice one in that same little run on Tuesday, thanks to him.

I just finished "A Trout's Best Friend," and really enjoyed it. You write ^{very} well, and are a good story teller. Your warmth and generosity also come through. On page 140 you say you have reactivated the Western Rivers Club. Is it still alive and well? If so, how do I join up?

Gary La Fontaine was the speaker at our AMFFA banquet Tuesday night. As you undoubtedly know, he is quite incapacitated from ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig disease). Nevertheless, he gave a great slide show + talk, with some hilarious anecdotes. He's got a wonderful sense of humor and wonderful sense of timing when telling a story. I hadn't seen him since the last time he talked to our group, several years ago. I hadn't known about his Book Mailer until this month, but will now get on his mailing list. I am intrigued by his high floating fly line and by his Stealth Rod. I have a call in to him to ask for more information about the rod. He'll probably call back tomorrow.

In W. Yellowstone I always stay at Sleepy Hollow. This time Larry Miller sold me a Hardy reel at greatly reduced price because it was second hand, although it looks like new. I've never had such an elegant piece of equipment. It is for a 7 or 8 line, but I think with enough backing it will work fine with a 5 weight.

With warm regards to you, and to Esther, Ted.

Steve