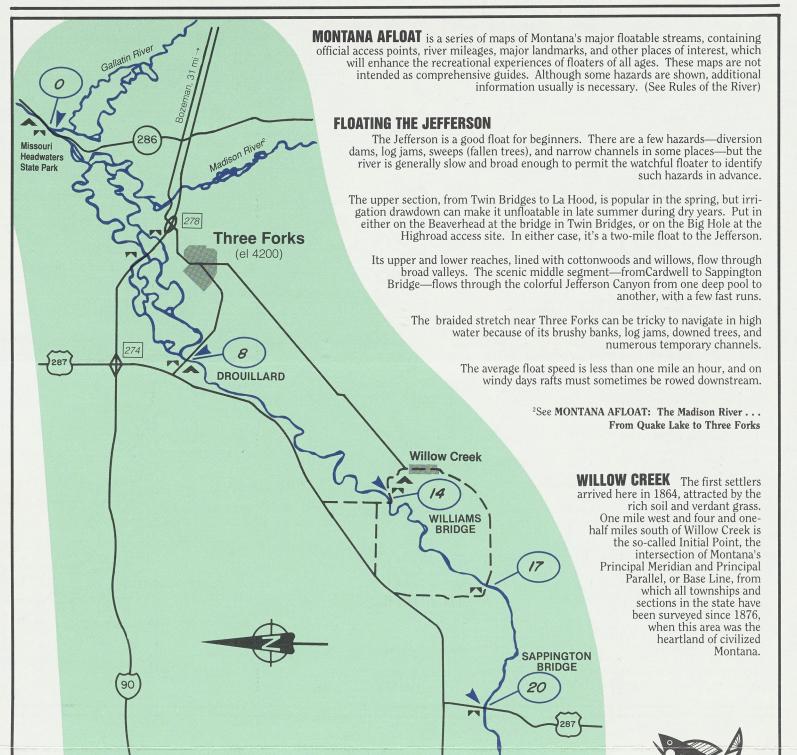
# **10** THE JEFFERSON RIVER

from Twin Bridges to Three Forks



# ENJOYING MONTANA'S RIVERS



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### LEWIS AND CLARK CAVERNS were not even

noticed by the explorers when they passed this way in 1805. They were first seen by white men in 1882, and were given their name by President Theodore Roosevelt, who in 1908 designated them the nation's twelfth National Monument. No funds were appropriated for their management as a natural attraction, however, so in 1935 Governor Frank Cooney of Montana requested that the area be turned over to the State for development as a park.During the next five years, Civilian Conservation Corps crews explored the caverns, built trails and handrails, carved steps, installed a lighting system, and blasted an exit tunnel 500 feet to the surface. The park was officially opened in 1941.

Geologically, the caverns are the product of acid rain and groundwater which, perhaps two million years ago, slowly penetrated the limestone which had been built up out of the shells of crustaceans which lived and died in the warm, shallow sea covering this part of the West some 300 million years before that.

**CARDWELL**, originally a way station on the NP, was named for Edward Cardwell, who owned much of the land in the vicinity. It is the birthplace of the famed television newscaster Chet Huntley. On the east flank of the Bull Mountains just north of Cardwell is the Golden Sunlight Mine, which was opened in 1892, and is still productive.

WHITEHALL In the late 1860s, a large white ranch home standing near the mouth of Whitetail Creek served as a stage station on the route between Helena and Virginia City. The rancher, E. G. Brooke, called his place Old White Hall, after a similar house in Whitehall, Illinois. In 1889 the Northern Pacific Railway built a branch line between Garrison, Montana and Logan, Utah, and the town of Whitehall arose as a way station, four miles from Brooke's place.

ordered to run for his life from the best athletes in the war party. Pleading that he is a poor runner, he persuades the sportsmanly Indians give him a head start, of which he promptly takes advantage. After about five miles of running barefoot through the sand, rocks, and prickly pear cactus, and with blood gushing from his nostrils from his herculean effort, he looks over his shoulder to see a warrior close behind him, spear raised. As the spear is thrown the warrior trips and falls. Colter dodges the spear, snatches it up, and kills his assailant. He races on another mile or so until he finally evades the rest of his pursuers by diving into the river and hiding under a pile of driftwood.

Seven days later, Colter staggers into Lisa's fort, having subsisted, he tells his awestruck listeners, on the root of a plant known as prairie potato, or Indian bread.

As soon as he has recovered his strength, he returns to the Three Forks of the Missouri to retrieve the traps he and Potts had cached. He encounters another band of Blackfeet, and has to run the same gamut again.

Enough is at last enough. In April of 1810 he reluctantly bids the mountains goodby, points his canoe down the Yellowstone, and returns to St. Louis where he marries, and settles down to an obscure but safe and sane life as a farmer.

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### THE LEGEND OF JOHN COLTER

In 1803, a 28-year-old Virginian by the name of John Colter enlists as a hunter and trapper in Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery. On the homeward

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leg of the Expedition his attraction to the mountains leads him to request a discharge and remain in the wilderness to seek his fortune as an independent trapper. He leaves the Corps near what is now Mandan, North Dakota, in August of 1806.

Nothing is known of Colter until 1808, when he appears at Manuel Lisa's new "fort," or trading post on the Yellowstone River, about fifty miles east of present-day Billings. He has recently become the first white person to see what later will become Yellowstone National Park.

In September of that year he is on the Jefferson River with his friend John Potts, another Corps veteran. They are laying their beaver traps by night and hiding during the day, for they are in the heart of hostile Blackfeet territory.

Early one morning they encounter a large band of Blackfeet warriors—Colter says five or six hundred of them. Potts tries to escape and is killed instantly. Colter is seized, stripped naked, and **THE THREE FORKS OF THE MISSOURI** On July 25, 1805, Captain Meriwether Lewis and his companions became the first white men to see the "three noble streams" that are the sources of the Missouri River. "I halted the party," he wrote in his journal, "and ascended the point of a high limestone clift from whence I commanded a most perfect view of the neighbouring country." He saw that "a distant range of lofty mountains ran their snow clad tops above the irregular and broken mountains which lie adjacent to this beautifull spot." He judged it to be an "essential point in the geography of this west part of the Continent."

He named the east fork for Secretary of the Treasury Albert Gallatin, the middle fork for Secretary of State James Madison, and the west fork for President Thomas Jefferson, "the author of our illustrious enterprize." The expedition then proceeded up the Jefferson in search of the long-dreamed-of Northwest Passage. Lewis called the Beaverhead, Big Hole, and Ruby rivers the Philosophy, Wisdom, and Philanthropy, after Jefferson's three cardinal virtues.

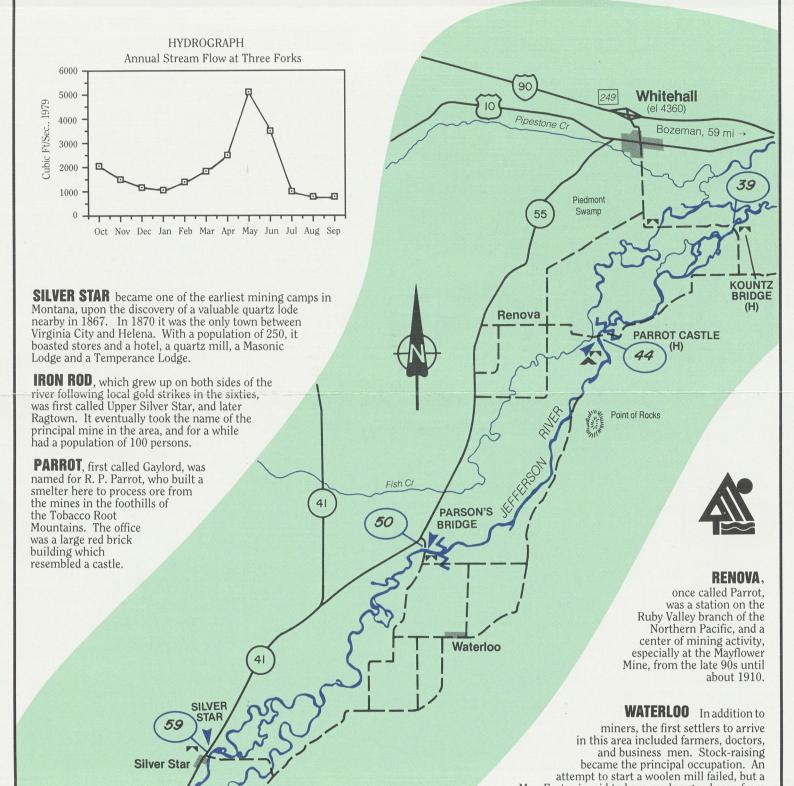
During the first half of the nineteenth century, furs dominated the fashion market in Europe and America, and trappers flooded into the West immediately upon hearing of Lewis's account of the "vast number of beaver in many large dams." In the spring of 1810 a group of thirty-two American and French trappers built a fort about two

miles above the confluence of the Jefferson and Madison rivers, defying the Blackfeet Indian warriors who defended these prime hunting grounds with a ferocity matched only by that of the grizzly bears which then roamed the valleys.

The trappers were soon vanquished, and few white men ventured into the area until 1837 when some traders found a large Blackfeet camp containing the bodies of hundreds of men, women and animals, watched over by the only two survivors of a smallpox epidemic that had been brought up the Missouri to Fort Benton by steamboat men.

During the rush to the gold camps of Virginia City and Last Chance Gulch in the early 60s, there were two brief and futile attempts to establish trading and transportation hubs in the vicinity. The second lasted until 1883, when the Northern Pacific built its main line a mile to the north. In 1884 a group of Englishmen bought 7,000 acres near Old Town for a cattle and horse ranch. When that failed, the owners turned the place into a rehabilitation colony for wayward sons of wealthy Britishers.

In 1908 the Milwaukee railroad decided to establish a division point here. On September 17 the Milwaukee Land Company sold seventytwo lots, and before winter set in the "New" town of Three Forks was open for business.



Mrs. Foster is said to have made a good soap from beaver fat.

### TWIN BRIDGES took its name either from a pair

of bridges built across the Jefferson River here in the early 1860s, or else from the two built over the Beaverhead and Big Hole rivers 1865.

By 1884 the town was a transportation hub served by three daily stagecoaches from Virginia City, Dillon, and Whitehall. Briefly

it was the location of the state's first teacher-training institution, the Twin Bridges Normal School, built in 1889. The college was soon converted for use as the state orphanage, which in turn was closed in 1975.

### THE JEFFERSON RIVER VALLEY

probably formed with the Rocky Mountains, about 70 million years ago. The river that now runs through it began to flow between two and three million years ago, when the rains began to fall after a long period in which the climate was too dry to maintain a stream.

The Highland Range to the west, and the Tobacco Root Range to the east and south, probably rose as the valley opened. Both consist mostly of basement rocks that formed about 2.7 billion years ago—the very stuff of the continental crust. Both also contain large masses of granite that crystallized from molten magma as the Rockies formed.

The Jefferson Valley feels more earthquakes than most parts of Montana because it lies on the intermountain seismic zone, which runs south from Helena through Yellowstone Park, and on the Wasatch Front in Utah. Movement along faults in that zone has begun to raise new mountain ranges and drop new valleys during the past several million years.

### **FISHING THE JEFFERSON**

The three sections of the Jefferson River provide correspondingly different kinds of fishing. In early spring and late fall the upper section, from Three Forks to Cardwell, comes closest to resembling a classic Montana trout stream; it contains the most rainbows. The deep, slow stretch through the shady Jefferson Canyon appears to be ideal habitat, but is sometimes less rewarding than the other two sections. From Sappington Bridge to Three Forks one can often find nice medium-sized browns.

Between late July and mid-September, when irrigation draw—down is at its peak, the river level drops and the water temperature rises, making morning and evening hours the best, especially near brushy or undercut banks and along the highway and railroad riprap, as well as in the sloughs and backwaters. The Jefferson is hospitable to a wide variety of fishing techniques. Successful fly casters working the gravelly riffles will usually match the small insects which the river breeds—there are no salmon flies, and May flies are rare—or the beetles, flies and grasshoppers that inhabit the banks and adjacent fields. Streamers and similar imitations of the numerous sculpins and other small fish are preferred by some experts for the deep, murky holes. Spin casters are attracted to the broad, deep expanses of the river, as are bait fishers, who like to use bullheads and sucker meat. The Jeff also provides excellent whitefishing sport.

Local inquiries will produce ample suggestions for the proper flies, lures, or bait for given times, places and conditions.

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### **RULES OF THE RIVER**

State law requires a suitable flotation device for each person in the craft. Every child under twelve must wear one at all times when on the water.

Be sure that every member of the party is prepared for extreme changes in weather conditions, from skin-searing reflected sun to bone-chilling showers. Remember that hypothermia is potentially a threat even in midsummer.

The characteristics of a river, and the resultant floating conditions, may change radically from season to season (see hydrograph), and even from one year to the next. This means not only that the trip may take up to three or four times longer during periods of low discharge, but also that hazards then clearly visible may be hidden during spring run-off. Vigilance is the floater's best insurance against accidents.

Only some known hazards are indicated on this map, such as diversion dams and white water sections. Before putting in, the cautious floater should inquire about current floating conditions at local sporting goods stores, equipment rental shops, guide services, or offices of the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

Give plenty of room to other recreationists, including bank fishermen and waders.

Float leaders should always bear in mind their own abilities and limitations, as well as those of other persons in the party.

Carry cameras and binoculars in airtight containers to protect them from water and dirt. All such equipment, plus a spare paddle, should be secured to the craft to avoid loss in the event of capsizing or swamping.

Every floater must assume personal responsibility for his or her individual impact on the river. Don't discard litter, including food, on the assumption the river will wash it away, or that birds or fish will eat it. Littering the river is a crime against Nature, neighboring landowners, and other floaters. Take it all with you when you leave, and dispose of it in a proper place. Use public toilets if at all possible.

The considerate floater will substitute plastic containers for glass bottles, to avoid accidentally leaving broken glass behind.

Most of the land bordering the Jefferson River is privately owned, and floaters are responsible for knowing and obeying state laws pertaining to stream access, which are available from the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 1420 East 6th Avenue, Helena, MT 59601, (406) 444-2535.





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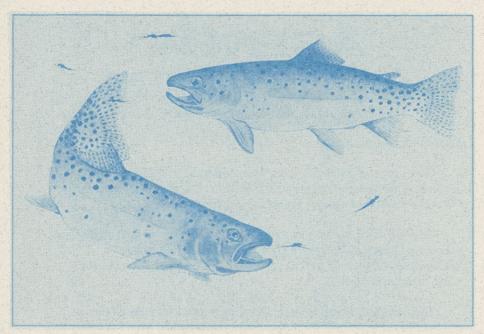
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Cutthroat Trout © 1992 Heather Bentz

# OUR CONSERVATION LEGACY – FOREVER OR FOR SALE?

*Greater Yellowstone Coalition* Annual Meeting, May 12-13, 1995

Union Pacific Dining Hall, West Yellowstone, Mont. (Formerly the Federation of Fly Fishers Building)

# **AGENDA** Greater Yellowstone Coalition

### 1995 Annual Meeting May 12-13

Dear Friends of the Coalition:

Once again we extend to you a warm welcome to attend the Annual Meeting of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition. Our theme this year is "Our Conservation Legacy – Forever or For Sale?"

On May 12-13, we'll come together to consider the greatest challenges facing the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem as identified by our membership. Then we'll look at the obstacles we need to overcome to solve these problems.

These challenges and obstacles, coming at a pivotal point in the environmental movement's history, will be addressed by what I consider to be an outstanding collection of speakers.

You'll have an opportunity to express your personal concerns and opinions in special breakout groups as we discuss grassroots strategies to carry out our preservation goals.

As always at the Annual Meeting, you'll have a chance to visit one-toone with many others who are dedicated to responsible stewardship of Greater Yellowstone.

Recognizing your diverse interests, we offer a variety of entertaining and educational workshops and field trips in the afternoons.

The evening dinners feature everything from informal fun on Friday to an outstanding keynote speech on Saturday – not to mention excellent conversation with new and old friends.

So once again, I invite you to attend the GYC Annual Meeting as we mark twelve years of protecting and preserving the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

Sincerely,

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Mike Clark Executive Director

# OUR CONSERVATION LEGACY -FOREVER OR FOR SALE?

### **THURSDAY, MAY 11**

7:00 p.m.	Informal reception No-Host Bar, Stage Coach Inn			
FRIDAY, MAY 12				
7:30 a.m.	Registration and Workshop/Field Trip Sign-up Union Pacific Dining Hall (former Federation of Fly Fishers building)			
8:30 - 8:45	Welcome and Introduction			
	Gretchen Long Glickman, GYC board president Mike Clark, GYC executive director			
	Addressing The New Political Climate			
8:45 - 9:30	Jim Baca, former director, Federal Bureau of Land Management, former New Mexico State Land Commissioner			
9:30 - 10:15	Dave Rockland, executive director, Times-Mirror Conservation Council			
10:15 - 10:30	Developing Strategies Based On Experience, Mike Clark			
10:30 - 10:45	Break			
10:45 - 12:30	Small Groups Session at the West Yellowstone Conference Hotel			
12:30 - 2:00	Lunch on Your Own			
2:00 - 5:00	Field Trips and Workshops The West Yellowstone Conference Hotel			
6:00 - 7:00	Reception, No-Host Bar Union Pacific Dining Hall			
7:00 - 10:00	Buffet Dinner Celebration of Greater Yellowstone's Culture and People Presentations and Awards Music, Readings			

# OUR CONSERVATION LEGACY – FOREVER OR FOR SALE?

### SATURDAY, MAY 13

7:30 a.m.	Registration and Workshop/Field Trip Sign-Up Union Pacific Dining Hall
8:30 - 9:00	What You Said – Reports on Small Group Sessions Mike Clark, GYC executive director
9:00 - 9:30	Wolves Return to Yellowstone Film Ray Paunovich, Busch Foundation cinematographer
9:30 - 10:15	Marketing Your Agenda Michael Schoenfeld, Corporation for Public Broadcasting
10:15 - 10:30	Break
10:30 - 11:15	Conservatism vs Conservationism, a Pollster's View Celinda C. Lake, Lake Research, Inc.
11:15 - 12:30	Membership Meeting
	State of the Coalition Gretchen Long Glickman, GYC board president Tim Swanson, GYC board president-elect
	Year in Review: Staff Reports on Three Greater Yellowstone Success Stories
	Open Microphone
12:30 - 2:00	Lunch on Your Own
2:00 - 5:00	Field Trips and Workshops, the West Yellowstone Conference Hotel
6:00 - 7:00	Reception, No-Host Bar, Union Pacific Dining Hall
7:00 - 10:00	Banquet Auction Recognition of Board Members

Keynote Address Max Baucus, U.S. Senate (invited)

# HANDS ON IN YELLOWSTONE

### WORKSHOPS AND FIELD TRIPS

### Friday and Saturday Afternoons 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Workshops and field trips related to appreciating and protecting the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem highlight the afternoon sessions. These informal activities offer you a special opportunity to learn more about environmental issues of special interest to you.

Some of the field trips and workshops allow for only a limited number of participants. Sign-up is on a first-come, first-serve basis beginning at 7:30 a.m. on the day of the session at the Union Pacific Dining Hall registration area. Information about these and other workshops or field trips expected to be scheduled is included in your GYC Annual Meeting packet and on the sign-up sheets.

Remember, if you're planning on a field trip, Yellowstone weather can be unpredictable this time of year. So come prepared to have a good time!

### FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS

On Friday night you'll enjoy an informal meal of tossed salad, lasagna, garlic toast and dessert. Following dinner, we celebrate our Greater Yellowstone culture and people with music, readings and lots of fun.

Saturday night look forward to a banquet of roast loin of pork served with a roasted pepper gravy, rock cornish game hen with wild huckleberry sauce and seafood medley with lemon caper sauce. You'll also enjoy several mouthwatering salads, served with homebaked breads and rolls. Save room for fresh strawberry shortcake topped off with coffee, tea or iced tea.

Our space for dinners is limited – so make your reservations for the Friday and Saturday dinners by May 1. And then – enjoy!

# FRIDAY WORKSHOPS

Management of the Greater Centennial Range and Valley Daniel Gomez, Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge; Pete Bengeyfield, Beaverhead National Forest; Jim Roscoe, Bureau of Land Management; John Walker, USDA ARS US Sheep Experiment Station

Tools For Building Sustainable Communities: A Case Study of Three Forks, Montana Jerry Johnson, Cliff Montagne, Bruce Maxwell and Julie Stoughton, Montana State University-Bozeman )

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The Do's and Don'ts Of Successful Local Land Use Planning Scott Garland and Pam Lichtman, Jackson Hole Alliance

### Whirling Disease

Beth MacConnell, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Mark Lere, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

History Of Large Mammals On The Yellowstone Plateau (including wolves) Before 1882 Lee Whittlesey, Yellowstone National Park

Death In Yellowstone Lee Whittlesey, Yellowstone National Park

Tribal Perspective And Resolution On Yellowstone National Park Bison Management Mark Heckert, Intertribal Bison Cooperative

Community Organizing Pat Sweeney, Western Organization of Resource Councils

Convergence On The Right and Coping With Intimidation and Disruptions Ken Toole, Montana Human Rights Network

# FRIDAY FIELD TRIPS

Yellowstone National Park's Wolf Restoration Program Mike Phillips and Doug Smith, Yellowstone National Park

Grizzlies In The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem Kevin Sanders, naturalist

Photographing Yellowstone Sanda Nykerk, naturalist and photographer

Overflights Of Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge And The Corridor Linking GYE With Central Idaho Bruce Gordon, LightHawk, "The Environmental Air Force"

Bear Habitat Field Trip Charles Jonkel, Ursid Research Center

Private Lands, Land Trusts and Conservation Easements Chris Boyd, Gallatin Valley Land Trust and Jean Hocker, Land Trust Alliance

# **SATURDAY WORKSHOPS**

Two Approaches To River System Protection In The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem Janice Brown, Henry's Fork Foundation; Tim Young, Teton County, Wyoming; Gary Weiner, NPS Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance Program; and Linda Merigliano, Natural Resource Specialist in Wilderness and River Planning, Bridger-Teton National Forest

The Noranda New World Campaign / Mining Reform Digs Onward Peter Aengst, GYC, and Philip M. Hocker, Mineral Policy Center

Results Of The Termination Of Winter Feeding Of Trumpeter Swans Daniel Gomez, Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge

Northern Cheyenne Views On Preservation Of Buffalo, Wolves And Sacred Lands Bill Tallbull, Medicine Wheel Alliance

Getting Conservationists Online, and Building an Electronic Activist Network Marshall Mayer, Desktop Assistance; Lang Smith, GYC

# SATURDAY FIELD TRIPS

Animal Tracks And Sign: Reading The Signatures On The Land Bruce Thompson, EcoTracs

Grizzlies In The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem Kevin Sanders, naturalist

Overflights Of Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge And The Corridor Linking GYE With Central Idaho

Bruce Gordon, LightHawk, "The Environmental Air Force"

Folklore Of Wildlife Jim "Tex" Garry, Great Plains Lore and Natural History, Inc.

Field Trip To The Norris Geyser Basin Area Rick Hutchison, Yellowstone National Park

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Animal Tracking For Kids And Families Martha Collins, Louise Forrest, Martha Kauffman, Nature Camp

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

West Yellowstone's landmark Union Pacific Dining Hall on Yellowstone Avenue (the former Federation of Fly Fishers building) is the site of the morning and evening sessions of the Annual Meeting. Other events take place at the nearby West Yellowstone Conference Hotel and the Stage Coach Inn.

### Lodging

Several motels and hotels are within easy walking distance of the Annual Meeting locations. As a service to GYC members, blocks of rooms have been reserved on a first-come, first-serve basis at the following motels:

West Yellowstone Conference Hotel Box 459 - 315 Yellowstone Ave West Yellowstone, MT 59758 (800) 646-7365 (406) 646-7365

Stage Coach Inn Box 160 - 209 Madison Ave. West Yellowstone, MT 59758 (800) 842-2882 (406) 646-7381

### Camping

Established campgrounds are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at a few locations near West Yellowstone. For information on opening dates and availability, please call:

Yellowstone National Park	(307) 344-7901
Gallatin National Forest Hebgen Lake Ranger District	(406) 646-7369
Beaverhead National Forest Madison Ranger District	(406) 682-4253

### West Yellowstone Information

West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 458 West Yellowstone, MT 59758 (406) 646-7701

# **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

# **Greater** Yellowstone Coalition

**1995 Annual Meeting** 

Address		
City	State	Zip
Pre-registration by May 1,	1995:	
(No additional charge for field trips and	d workshops)	
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Member # people @ \$40.	.00 each for entire conference	\$
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Non-member # people @ \$30.	00 each for one day	\$
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Friday night # people @ \$14 a	each	\$
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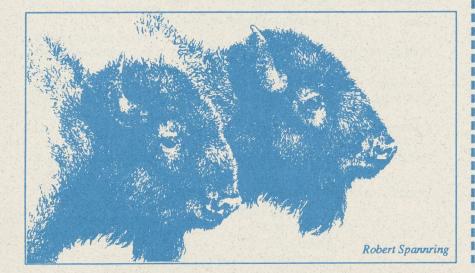
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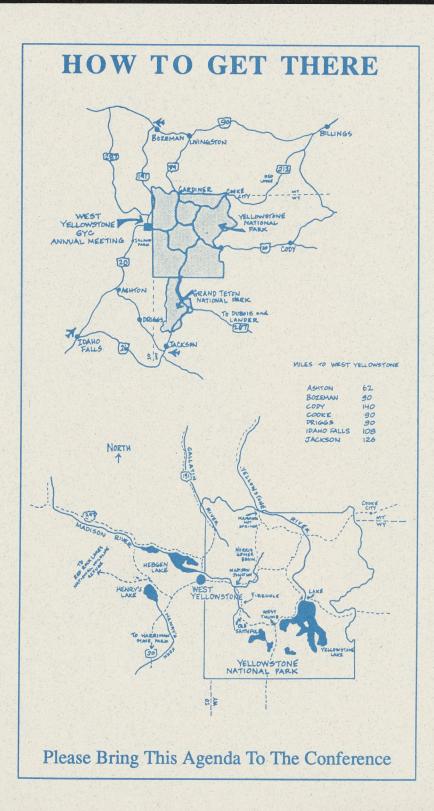
While there will be a full slate of speakers to bring new ideas and observations to the meeting, we also want to learn from you – and what you've been experiencing in your own community or state. After hearing from some speakers during Friday morning's session, we will break out into groups to discuss what your experiences have been and to plan strategies on how the conservation community should react to new challenges.

Please take a few minutes to answer the questions below. This informal survey will help us zero in at the Annual Meeting on what you and others think are the major challenges and obstacles ahead. A brief summary of the responses will be presented during the morning sessions. Thanks.

1. Looking ahead 50 years, what is the greatest threat to Greater Yellowstone?

2. What are the major obstacles to achieving an environmentally sound solution to that threat?







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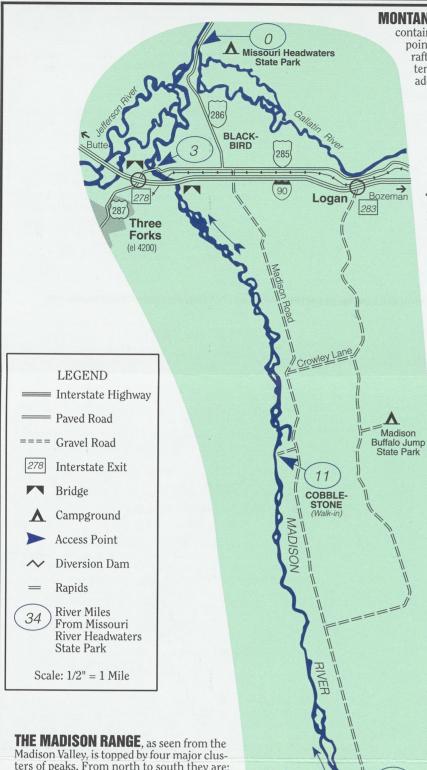
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**MONTANA AFLOAT** is a series of maps of Montana's major floatable streams, containing official access points, river mileages, major landmarks, and other points of interest, which will enhance the recreational experiences of rafters and canoeists of all ages and interests. These maps are not intended as comprehensive guides. Although some hazards are shown, additional information usually is necessary. (See **Rules of the River**.)



**THREE FORKS** The Lewis and Clark expedition reached this point—"A very handsome place"—in their ascent of the Missouri River in July of 1805, and named the "three noble streams" in honor of President Thomas Jefferson, Secretary of State James Madison, and Secretary of the Treasury Albert Gallatin. Trappers soon attempted to establish a trading post here, but the hostile natives drove them away.

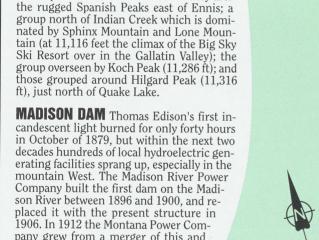
With the onset of the gold rush of 1863, traffic through the area increased, and little communities sprang up around the tollbridges and ferries—Gallatin City, Bridgeville, and finally Three Forks. The present town of Three Forks arose in 1908 when the Milwaukee Railroad built a division point here.

The Missouri Headwaters State Park, located north of town, offers overnight camping facilities, a day-use picnic area including a boat ramp, and numerous historical displays.

**PISHKUN** For many centuries, the bison was the principal source of Native Americans' meat and marrow, hides for clothing and shelter, and bones for tools. About seven miles south of the Logan interchange is the historic Madison Buffalo Jump, or *pishkun*, which is typical of many such sites that once dotted the high plains. Here, for perhaps two thousand years—until the introduction of the horse changed their hunting techniques,—tribes such as the Salish and the Shoshones periodically stampeded bison over the 180-foot cliff. Courageous young runners surrounded a herd, hazing it through drive lanes and over the brink; hunters, waiting below, killed the injured animals; women set about to butcher the prey.

Interpretive displays erected by the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks illustrate the techniques that were used, and explain the central role of buffalo jumps in the lives of the Plains Indians.

**WATER LIFE** The presence of aquatic insects is an indicator of the health of any stream. Here winged species, including caddis flies, stone flies, May flies, dragon flies, damsel flies, and mosquitoes, are born in the water, some of their egg shells looking like tiny pebbles clinging to larger stones. Beetles and water striders are found close to the bank. The examination of insects in their various



placed it with the present structure in 1906. In 1912 the Montana Power Company grew from a merger of this and three other small companies.



stages with a magnifying glass is a fascinating pastime.

Rainbow and brown trout, and mountain whitefish, are the game species in the Madison. There are also some suckers, sculpin, carp, dace, and a few chubs.



**LEE METCALF WILDERNESS** Lee Metcalf, who was born in the Bitterroot Valley, represented the people of Montana in Congress from 1953 until his death in 1978. He was noted for his leadership in preserving such other wilderness areas as the Scapegoat, the Absoroka-Beartooth, the Great Bear, and the Wild and Scenic Missouri River.

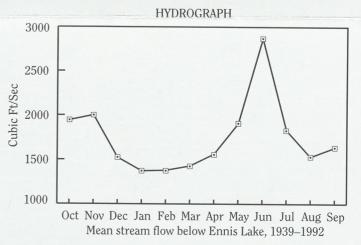
**THE LOWER MADISON** reaches from Ennis Lake to Missouri Headwaters State Park, north of Three Forks. Beginning below the Madison Dam powerhouse, and ending nine miles downstream at Warm Springs Creek near State Highway 84, is the rugged Beartrap Canyon Unit of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness. The first putin point below the dam is Powerhouse access, reached via a lowstandard road off U.S. 287 from Ennis.

There are three reasons for avoiding Beartrap if you're not either an experienced river-runner, or in the care of a professional outfitter:

To begin with, it's white-water territory, containing at least four major rapids. Second, stream flow varies greatly, ranging between 900 and 10,000 cubic feet per second, with 1,500 to 2,200 cfs being safest for floating. Third, as the BLM floater's guide to the canyon warns, "emergency rescue is unlikely, difficult and time consuming." That brochure, incidentally, is available free of charge from the Bureau of Land Management, Box 3388, Butte MT 59702.

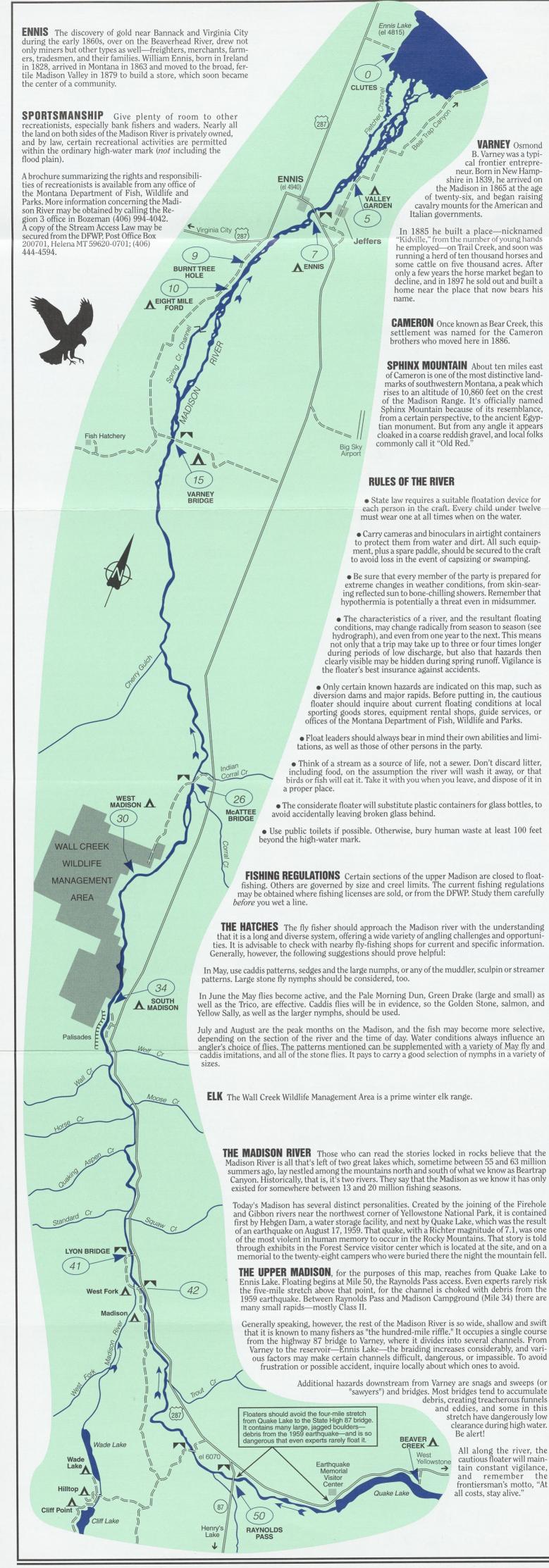
From Beartrap Canyon to Three Forks floating is comparatively slow and easy. The lower Madison has a different quality from the upper portion because shallow Ennis Reservoir functions as a solar collector, and thus discharges warmer water than that of the river above, modifying the riparian ecology downstream. Access points are not as numerous as on the Upper Madison, but there are enough of them to allow either overnight trips or day floats.

Two sets of mileages are shown on this map since most people float either the upper or the lower stretch but not both, owing to the difficulty of portaging around Madison Dam.



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fishing. Others are governed by size and creel limits. The current fishing regulations may be obtained where fishing licenses are sold, or from the DFWP. Study them carefully

**THE HATCHES** The fly fisher should approach the Madison river with the understanding

Madison River is all that's left of two great lakes which, sometime between 55 and 63 million summers ago, lay nestled among the mountains north and south of what we know as Beartrap Canyon. Historically, that is, it's two rivers. They say that the Madison as we know it has only

first by Hebgen Dam, a water storage facility, and next by Quake Lake, which was the result of an earthquake on August 17, 1959. That quake, with a Richter magnitude of 7.1, was one of the most violent in human memory to occur in the Rocky Mountains. That story is told through exhibits in the Forest Service visitor center which is located at the site, and on a

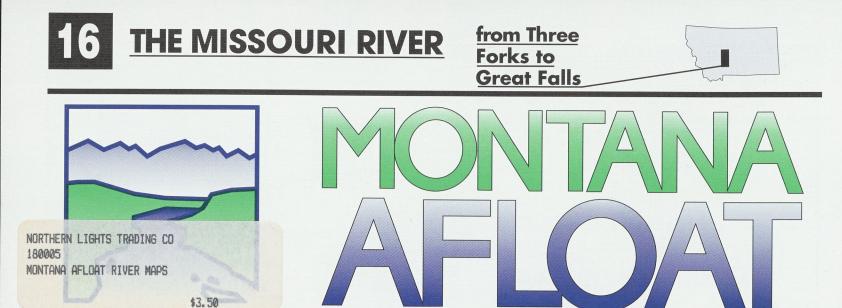
the five-mile stretch above that point, for the channel is choked with debris from the 1959 earthquake. Between Raynolds Pass and Madison Campground (Mile 34) there are

from the highway 87 bridge to Varney, where it divides into several channels. From Varney to the reservoir—Ennis Lake—the braiding increases considerably, and various factors may make certain channels difficult, dangerous, or impassible. To avoid

"sawyers") and bridges. Most bridges tend to accumulate

and eddies, and some in this stretch have dangerously low clearance during high water.

> All along the river, the cautious floater will maintain constant vigilance, the frontiersman's motto, "At



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### FLOATING THE UPPER MISSOURI RIVER

This two-hundred-mile stretch of the Missouri River displays several distinctly different charac-ters. Four dams—Toston, Canyon Ferry, Hauser and Holter—prevent a continuous water jour-ney, but cooperative management by several state and federal agencies and the Montana Power Company assures easy access throughout.

Three Forks to Toston Only occasional passing trains disturb the serenity of this remote stretch of slow-moving water. It's a good float, highlighted by an impressive canyon, but it is used more by bird-hunters than by anglers.

Toston to Townsend Following a severe dropoff during the mid-1980s, the trout population in this Class I stretch has recovered, owing to the cooperation of landowners such as Robert Davis and the late Ray Doig, who led efforts to rehabilitate some of the tributaries that are essential for natural fish reproduction.

**Townsend to Canyon Ferry Dam** Administered by the Bureau of Reclamation of the U.S. Department of the Interior, this 25-mile-long reservoir provides a variety of recreational opportunities for flat-water paddlers, power boaters, fishers and waterfowl hunters. There are 14 overnight campgrounds, five day-use areas, three group reservation sites, one area limited to tent camping, and four sites accessible only by boat. The 225-foothigh dam, completed in 1954, serves for flood-control, irrigation development and power generation. A series of dikes built in 1972 near the south end of the lake not only minimize dust problems during reservoir draw-downs, but also serve Tintinger Slough/ as nesting areas for resident waterfowl as well as resting and feeding sites for migrant birds.

Hauser Lake More flat-water floating. This narrow lake can be crowded with power boats during kokanee salmon season.

Holter Lake This is a beautiful stretch of flat water, with the Gates of the Mountains as its focal point. Access is provided by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and by the Montana Power Company. The first access to the river below Hauser Dam is at the mouth of Beaver Creek, a fishing access the transformed by the Helene National Facet cess to the river below hauser Dain is at the mouth of beaver creek, a fishing access site managed by the Helena National Forest, which is reached from Canyon Ferry by following county road #4 north through York and on to Nelson. At Nelson turn left (west) on county road #164 and proceed 5 miles to the end of the road. The two-mile stretch upstream from Beaver Creek is seldom used, but the current is slow, and the scenery is worth the paddle. The last take-out before the dam is at Holter Lake, a BLM campsite with good road access to Wolf Creek Bridge, the next logical putin.

Holter Dam to Cascade Anglers consider this the most popular reach of the upper Missouri River. Back in the 1950s, the official "Classification of Montana fishing Streams" designated it as a "Blue Ribbon" trout stream. It contains a large population of wild-not stocked-rainbow and brown trout. Downstream from Craig the river flows moderately fast through a some-

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what narrowed channel. There are a few small rapids just above and below the Dearborn access site. Halfbreed Rapids, the most challenging section of the easy-going upper Missouri, begins just below the Sheep Creek in-

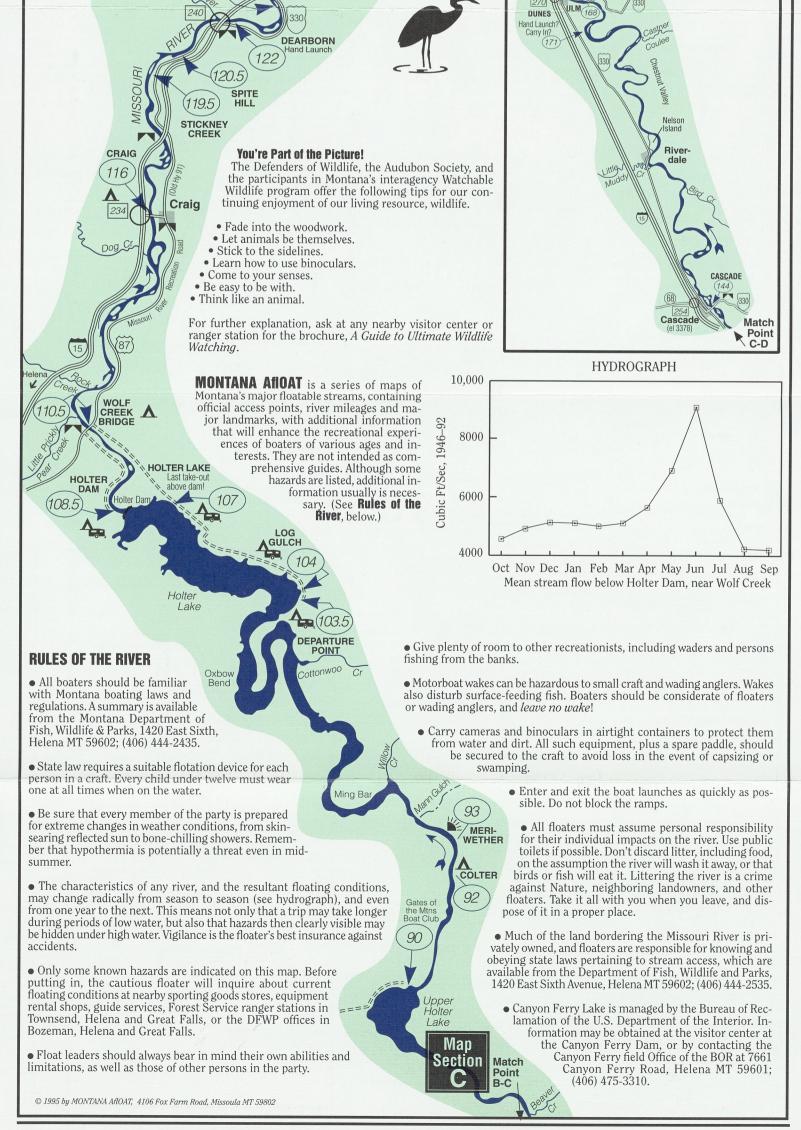
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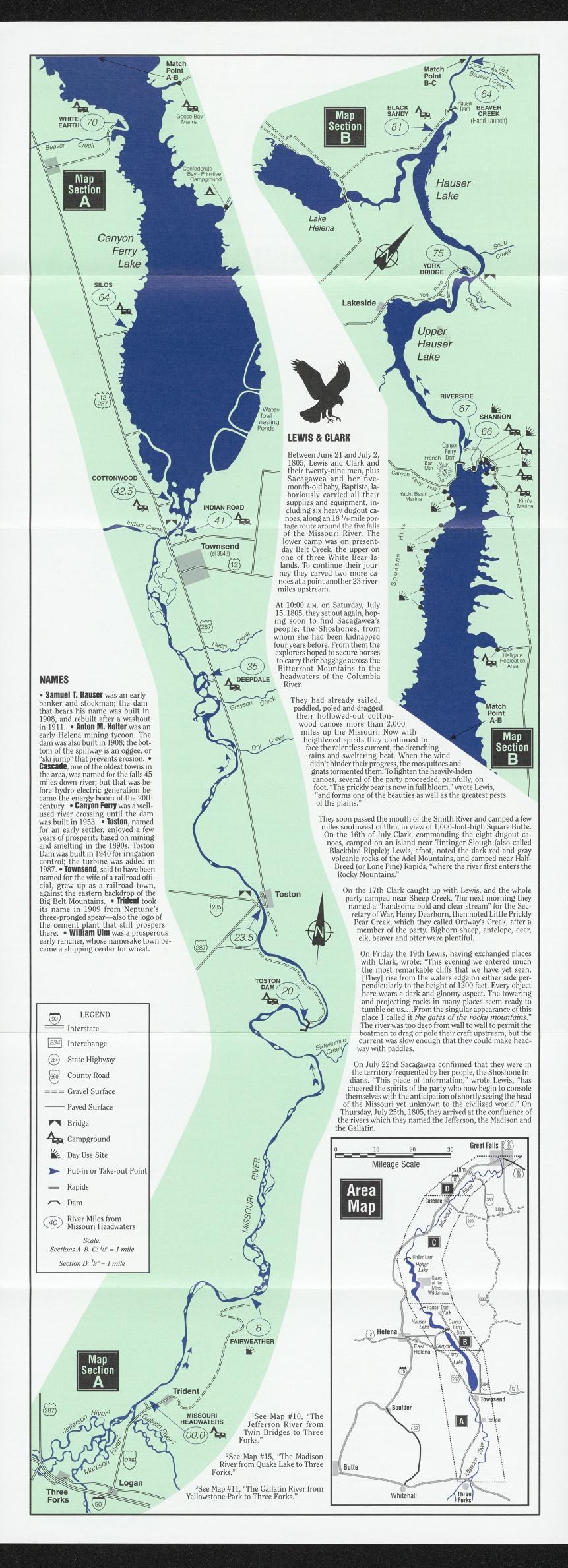
This segment is rarely 144 floated or fished, though it provides outstanding CASCADE opportunities for solitude, and for the viewing of waterfowl and other 330 wildlife. With a drop of only 66 feet in 45 miles, the Missouri lazes along at a walk. On a calm day the 28-mile trip from Ulm to Broadwater Bay in Great Falls would be a ten-hour paddle by canoe, and an adverse wind could strand you miles from help, so powered craft are preferred. Approaching Gt. Falls,

Point C-D **Cascade to Great Falls** 

the transition from a cold- to a warm-water fishery begins.

**CASCADE TO GREAT FALLS** Scale:  $\frac{1}{4}$ " = 1 Mile **Great Falls** Park Island White Bea Island Map Section





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flies, trolling. HOW & WHERE: Famed Fishing Bridge needs no description. Spinning or fly casting from shore may reward you with rare Yellowstone cutthroat, averaging 14". Specimens up to 20" not uncommon. Trolling: rent a boat or bring your own (obtain free permit from Park ranger). Boats under 16' long must stay within <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> mile of shore - storms, violent but usually brief, are common.

YELLOWSTONE RIVER: YC. METHODS: Bait, lures, flies – latter provide best results. HOW & WHERE: This is a trout fisherman's river in every sense. Try to be on hand for copious fly hatches, usually short but fairly frequent. When fish aren't rising, try Yellowstone Woolly Worm wet fly. Area near Dragon's Mouth recommended.

SHOSHONE LAKE: EB / B / L. METHODS: Trolling, bait, spinning, flies. HOW & WHERE: You can hike to Shoshone Lake, or reach it easier by launching your own boat in Lewis Lake ( $2\frac{1}{2}$  mi. south, not shown on map), then boating up Moose River, which links the 2 lakes. Trolling big spinners and flatfish sometimes effective in Shoshone. Fly fishermen: the mouth of Moose River as it enters Lewis Lake is often good. Immense mackinaw sometimes taken from Lewis. Explore, experiment on both lakes.

**COUGAR CREEK:** EB / R / B / RW. METHODS: Bait, flies. HOW & WHERE: This small stream isn't easy to fish, due to brush, snags and occasional moose, but provides fine sport, particularly to worm fishermen. About 6 mi. north of The Trout Shop, turn off Rt. 191. Small winding dirt roads will show you the stream.

DUCK CREEK: R / B / RW. METHODS: Primarily a fly stream, but deft lure lovers may score by fishing upstream on long casts, generously donating lures to roots, snags. HOW & WHERE: Early season: fish stream west of Rt. 191. Hike downstream to juncture of Duck, Cougar Creeks. Fish your way back. Lunker-class browns find Duck ideal spawning grounds, may stay and set up housekeeping. Upstream fishing provides challenges, frustrations, occasional big fish.

GRAYLING CREEK: R / C / G / RW. METHODS: Bait, lures, flies. HOW & WHERE: Downstream from Hebgen Lake northshore road the creek makes continuous bends with some deep pools. Early season spin and bait fishing suggested. Upstream from same road, stream borders colorful Parade Rest guest ranch. Further north, Rt. 191 parallels stream, sometimes good fly fishing here. Very few grayling, for which this stream was named, remain.

GALLATIN RIVER: R / B / C / RW. METHODS: Bait, lures, flies. HOW & WHERE: Paralleling Rt. 191 for several miles within the Park, this is a small stream. Continuing north on 191, you'll have this handsome water within a stone's throw for 40 miles. Tributary streams add to its flow to form a clear, quick, moderate-sized river. A great dry fly stream. Average size of rainbows: 8 - 14", occasional lunkers. Famous guest ranches, well-kept campgrounds down Gallatin canyon. HEBGEN LAKE: R / B / RW. METHODS: Trolling, bait, lures, flies. HOW & WHERE: Trollers may rent boats at spots shown on map. Local trolling favorites: pop gear, flatfish. Bait and lure fishermen: try shore casting anywhere along northshore, also Mormon Point, Rainbow Point, both old reliables. Fly fishermen: casting to rising fish with size 14 - 18 dry flies often brings in bragging-size browns and rainbows. In late summer, schools of trout can often be seen surface feeding along Madison Arm, the Narrows, and elsewhere within fly casting distance off shore.

SOUTH FORK: R / B / EB / RW. METHODS: This cold, gin-clear stream is a fly fisherman's dream, but worm fans do alright, too. Only 1st-class spin fishermen can toss hardware here, because of brush, succession of hairpin curves. HOW & WHERE: Entire length of stream usually heavily stocked with 6 - 10" rainbows in spring. Lower stretches often harbor huge browns and rainbows, moving up from Hebgen Lake. Fine gravel bottom attracts spawners. Favorite wet flies: Muddler Minnow, Wooly Worms. Dry flies: Goofus, Adams, Renegade.

LOWER MADISON: R / B / C / G / RW. METHODS: One of the world's great fly streams. Bait, lures also effective. Rocks will take their toll of lures. HOW & WHERE: This fabled stream is a succession of hot fishing spots from Quake Lake to Ennis Lake, 60 miles further downstream. Fast moving water, slippery rocks, tricky wading. Dry flies tied to float in fast, rough water are terrific: see us for recommended patterns. Fish wet flies deep. Spin fishermen: try Daredevils, wobblers, Mepps-type lures. A famous stream for many reasons. Annually produces 6'' to 6# trout. The West Fork, a small tributary, is off-again, on-again, but offers fine fishing when it's on.

CLIFF AND WADE LAKES: R / B / L. METHODS: Worms, lures - often fine fly fishing. HOW & WHERE: Boats for rent on both of these nearby lakes. Monster trout in the 10-20 lb. class are taken from Wade often enough to make you nervous. Cliff Lake trout known as North American piranha. Fishermen advised to wear bite-proof waders, carry heavy defense weapons.

**HIDDEN LAKE:** Brilliant rainbows only, averaging 2 lbs. METHODS: Worms fished deep, dry flies when trout are surface feeding. HOW & WHERE: To reach this small, deep lake you must drive to Elk Lake Resort or Neely's Ranch. At Elk Lake Resort, you'll pay for boat, car transportation to Hidden. At Neely's, you'll rent horses, or hire boat transportation across Cliff Lake, hike 2 remaining miles. Best fishing on Hidden usually early a.m. and just before sundown.

ELK LAKE: R / C / L / G. METHODS: Trolling, also shore fishing with lures, bait, flies. Very deep in spots, reputed to harbor sea-monster-size mackinaw trout.

HENRY'S LAKE: EB / R / C. METHODS: Trolling good from opening day until around July 1, after which heavy aquatic grass is a problem. Lures, bait good thruout season. Once they learn the house rules, wet fly fishermen will catch lunkers. Brook trout, 3 lbs. and up, are plentiful. 4 to 15 lb. rainbow and hybrid cutthroat caught regularly.

QUAKE LAKE: R / B / C / RW. METHODS: Bait, lures, flies. HOW & WHERE: The Madison River between Hebgen Dam and Quake Lake is often excellent fishing - trout feed here. Fish Quake Lake itself where Beaver and other creeks enter, constantly pouring food into the lake. Exploring the shoreline often pays off. The lake was born August 17, 1959, when an earthquake toppled a mountain top into Madison Canyon, damming the river. Heavy equipment cut a channel thru the slide area, allowing the Madison to flow once again, but the lake remains for several miles above the slide (an attraction every visitor should see). HEADQUARTERS FOR FISHERMEN & OTHER CHARACTERS

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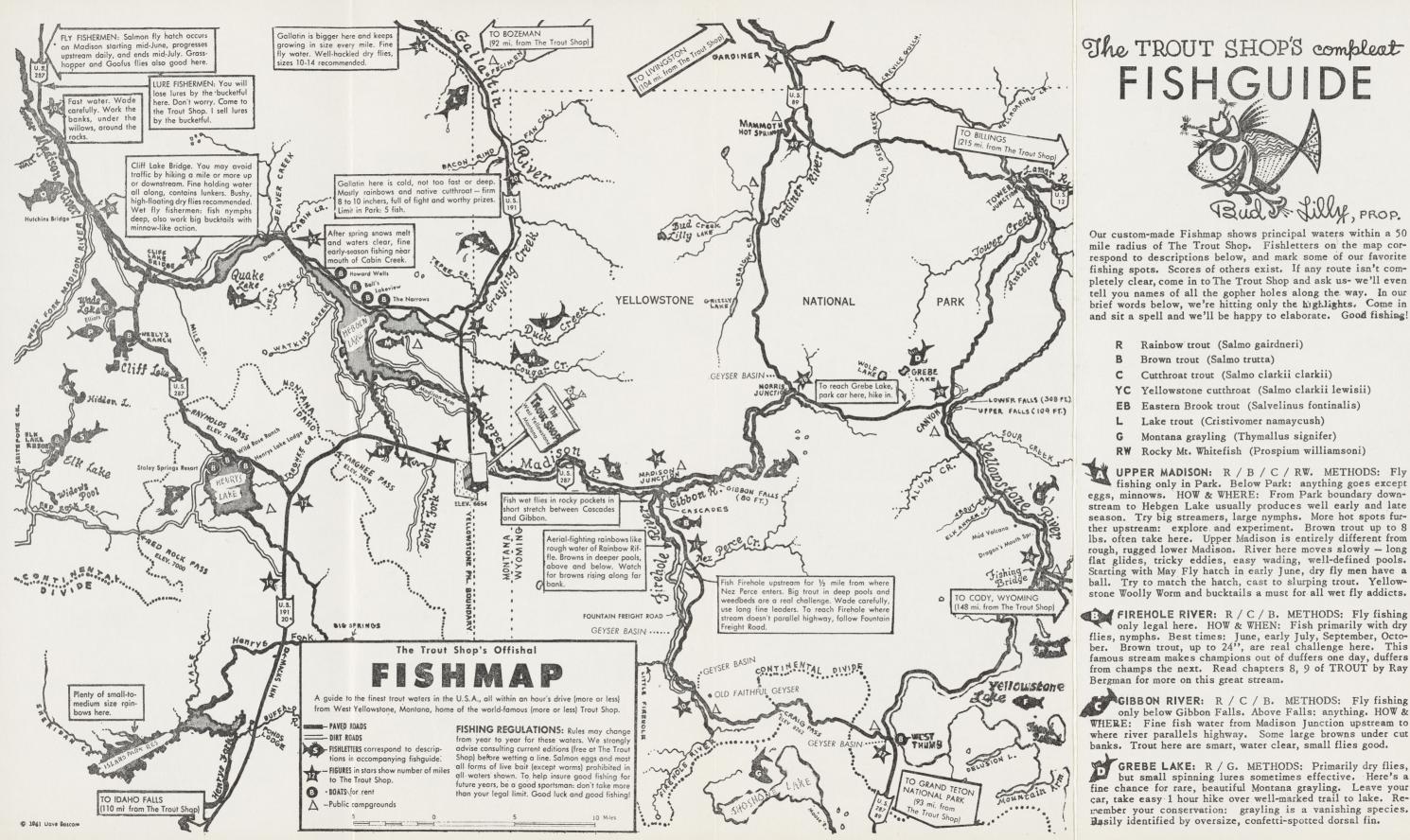
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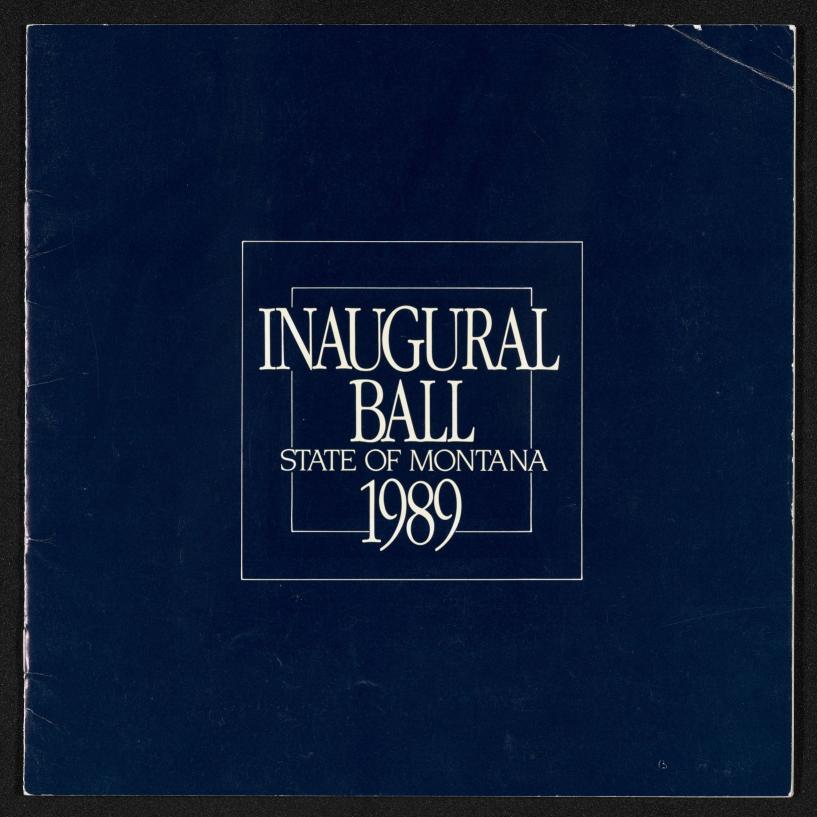
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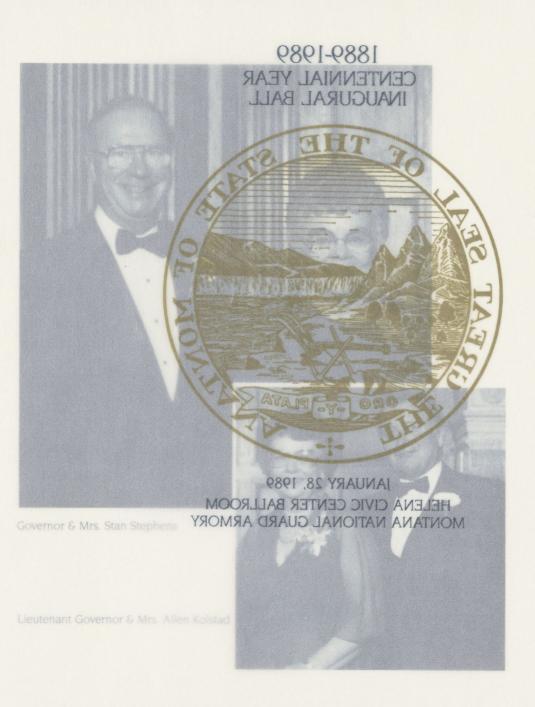
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## STAN STEPHENS

GOVERNOR

Born September 16, 1929, into a musical family in Calgary, Alberta, Stan was one of Canada's youngest professional musicians, and was the principal trumpet for the Calgary Symphony at the age of twelve. He left high school during his senior year to enter a program of broadcast communications and news writing with stations CFCN and CJCJ in Calgary, a move which in 1949 brought him to America and the staff of KOJM Radio in Havre.

Stan has worked in all phases of broadcasting and has earned numerous editorial awards. He received national recognition, a Peabody nomination and the Edward R. Murrow award, for his 1975 investigative series on a scandal within Montana's Workers' Compensation system.

Stan served as a combat correspondent and director of broadcast operations for the Armed Forces in Seoul, Korea, during the Korean Conflict. From 1981 to 1984 he produced weekly commentaries broadcast throughout the world for the Voice of America. Stan expanded his broadcast activities to include cable television in 1955, and served as the president and general manager for cable TV operations in Havre, Glasgow and Sidney from 1969 to 1983.

Elected to the Montana Senate in 1969, he authored numerous pieces of legislation and chaired most major committees during his 16 year tenure, and holds the distinction of being the only Montanan ever to be selected by peers to hold every major leadership post in the Senate. He was Senate Republican floor whip in 1977, Senate majority leader in 1979 and 1981, president of the Senate in 1983 and minority leader in 1985. He has served in the Senate from 1969 to 1971 and from 1975 through 1985.

In 1986. Stan was named one of 10 outstanding legislators in the country by the National Republican Legislators Association. The first Montanan to win such an award, he was chosen from among 3,000 of his peers nationwide.

Stan has been continuously involved in community and civic affairs. He is a past recipient of the Havre Jaycees Distinguished Service Award and the Havre Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizen Award. He is also a co-recipient of the 1986 Northern Montana College Excellence Award. He has been married to the former Ann Hanson of Havre for 33 years. They are the parents of two grown daughters.

# ALLEN KOLSTAD

### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Born December 24, 1931, at Chester, Montana, educated at local schools and Concordia College, Allen Kolstad comes from a five generation Montana family.

He and his wife, Iva, began farming 36 years ago on a farm and ranch located in Toole and Liberty counties, where they still reside. They operate the farm in conjunction with their son, Chris, and his family.

Allen's agri-business background is also full. He is the former owner of Kolstad's Chester Implement Company, a John Deere dealership, and the former president of Kolstad Grain Company, a grain purchasing business in Northern Montana.

Elected to the Montana Legislature in 1968, Allen was the first Republican to serve from his district in 48 years. He has chaired several legislative committees, including the Agriculture and Business and Industry Committees, and has served as Senate President Pro Tem for three sessions. Allen currently represents Senate District #7, which includes all of Chouteau County, a large part of Hill County and a portion of Liberty County. He has been successful in his past seven elections.

Allen has been involved in a number of state and community organizations including the Montana Chamber of Commerce, Chamber Agriculture Committee, Montana Jaycee's and Montana Water Development Association. He has also served as Liberty County Republican Chairman, Montana Reagan delegate in the 1968 and 1976 Republican National Conventions, federal appointee of the District Export Council for Western States and co-chairman of Reagan for President in 1976.

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A past Master of the Masonic Lodge, Allen is also a member of the Algeria Shrine, Elks, Eagles, past president of the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd, winner of the "Outstanding Young Farmer" award, a former alumni board member of Concordia College, Moorehead, Minn., and a member of St. Olaf Lutheran Church.

Allen was married September 2, 1951, to the former Iva Matteson of Galata. They have four grown children, two boys and two girls.

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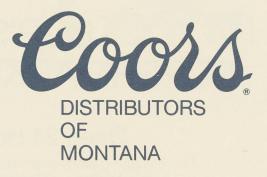
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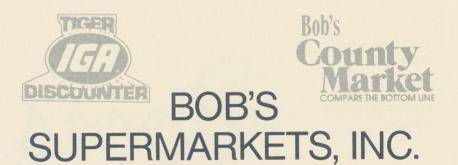
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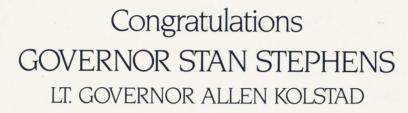
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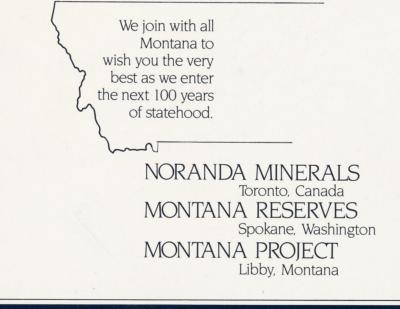
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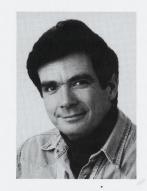
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JOHN HOSKING, company co-founder and Artistic Director, graduated from Montana State University in 1974 and was a graduate fellow with the Hilberry Repertory Company in Detroit. He then worked professionally in Seattle for ACT and the Palace Theatre before returning to Montana year-round. John has performed with Montana Shakespeare in the Parks and spent twelve summers at the Opera House in Virginia City. He has appeared in numerous television commercials and in three films, including "West of the Imagination", a PBS special broadcast,

and "Nobody's Girls". John is in his thirteenth consecutive year performing with the company.

RHONDA SMITH grew up surrounded by wheat fields

on the Fort Peck Indian Reservations near Poplar,

Montana. That was some twenty years ago and she

has since earned her MFA with the Hilberry Repertory

in Detroit; co-founded the Vigilante Theatre Company;

tour managed Shakespeare in the Parks; acted at

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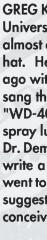
City Opera House. Besides writing and performing in

her one-woman show, Buffalo Gals, Rhonda is best

known for her interpretation of such verbose char-

acters as Scapina, Mrs. Malaprop in The Rivals, and







the nurse in Romeo & Juliet.

GWYN GANJEAU has been acting with the Vigilante Theatre Company since 1983 and has also served in grant writing and booking capacities for the company. A South Dakota native, Gwyn worked professionally in Aberdeen for three years. Since moving to Bozeman in 1976, she has worked as an actor and / or choreographer at the MSU department of Media & Theatre Arts, the Baxter Hotel Theatre, the Loft Community Theatre, White Chapel Theatre and the Women's Theatre Collective. In 1987, Gwyn and fellow - Vigilante, John Hosking, started a summer

theatre in Cody, Wyoming, where they performed for three years. Gwyn is a founding member of the Women's Theatre Collective, Bozeman United Artists and is active in the Southwest Montana AIDS / HIV Coalition. Of her work with the Vigilantes, Gwyn says, "I have the best job in Montana!"



BRIAN MASSMAN claims dual Montana origins - the capital city of Helena and the Crazy Mountains near Wilsall where he spent much of his childhood. Brian, as an actor, and his wife Denise, as a costumer, were regular fixtures at Helena's Grandstreet Theatre for over ten years. Along with their daughters, Tambre and Alexis, the Massmans moved briefly to Missoula where Brian performed regularly at Missoula Children's Theatre and the University of Montana, while completing his degree in creative writing. Audiences may recall Brian from Shakespeare in the

Parks where he's known as "the tall guy". "What a blessing to have a life on the stage and a home in The Big Sky !"

GREG KEELER, an English professor at Montana State University and a resident of Bozeman since 1975, almost appeared on ESPN kissing a sucker in a party hat. He did appear on that channel a couple years ago with salmon flies crawling all over him while he sang them songs and recited them poems. His song "WD-40 Polka," in which he extols the virtues of this spray lubricant as a bait enhancer, was aired on the Dr. Demento show. When the Vigilantes asked him to write a musical fishing review, Dr. Keeler, as usual, went to his wife, Judy and asked her what to do. She



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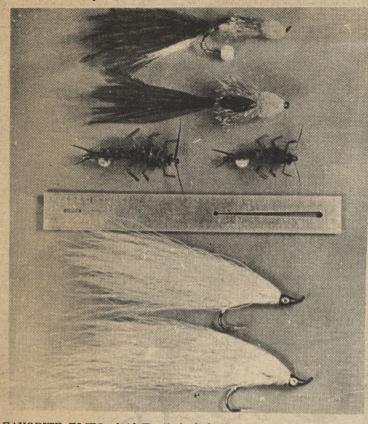
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\* For many anglers this is considered peak season for this stream.

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FAVORITE FLIES of Al Troth include these. The Pennsylvanian has taken more big trout with these flies than most natives will believe. Yet famed Madison river guides like Bud Lilly and Gary Bacon call Troth's methods real and unbelievably consistent. Compared with a 6-inch ruler above are, from top to bottom;

Profile and top view of a 3/0 bullhead imitation. No. 1/0 and No. 4 "Terrible Troth" stonefly nymphs.

No. 3/0 white and yellow bucktails.

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# TROTH TROUTING TRICKS Set New Methods For Tossers

By Al Troth It certainly isn't a secret that lunker-size trout prefer and need a big mouthful of food to keep them fat and sassy. Examine the stomach contents of trout over three pounds and I'll bet that you will find a bullhead or two and/or some of the large, dark stonefly nymphs (Plecoptera Pteronarcidae), com-monly called willow flies, salmon flies, or hellgrammites throughout the west.

Checks I have made in the last few years on big fish, caught by myself or by others, have indicated that big trout are crazy about these two forms of underwater life. The fact that trout show a preference for these two forms of fish food, which are available throughout the entire year, indicates that good imitations of these underwater forms are a must.

three inches long from the tip of the tail to the end

of the antenna. The biggest fly I have been able to

find on a tackle shop counter was only half this size.

good job of taking some nice fish, but they seem to

lack a little something necessary to consistently lure

BIG BULLHEADS

One of my first nice western trout, a five and a

half pound rainbow, had consumed seven bullheads ranging from three inches in length to almost five.

Needless to say, after examining this fish, I felt

rather insecure with a #2 Muddler, which was only

trout stream almost every day from April to Sept-

ember. This gives me an opportunity to test and

develop many fly patterns and fishing techniques. The

size of the nymphs and bullheads I found while ex-

amining large trout started me to thinking that maybe

the principal factor to be considered in tying the new

These findings led me to do a lot of experimenting, both on the tying bench and on the stream. I am on a

the larger fish. This something is SIZE.

a little over two inches long.

patterns should be size.

The Woolly Worm and Muddler Minnow do a pretty

NO IMITATIONS

#### glare-cutting lenses of the polaroids.

After visualizing where a fish might be laying, I locate myself across and slightly downstream from that spot. The angler's position is very important. Fishing a fly from a poor position will not allow a free drift over a likely holding spot and will give the fly an unnatural movement which will usually spook a big fish.

Casting far enough above the probable lie of the fish allows the fly to sink to the bottom before it reaches the trout. I try to present the fly so the trout will see the profile or side view. Even a Philadelphia lawyer can tell the profile of the fly is more appealing than a tail-end view. Actually, making the fly appear unattached in various types of water is really the big secret.

#### DEAD DRIFT BEST

#### I have never caught a big trout on the nymph imitation while it was swinging or dragging in the current. Every take has been during the dead or free drift period. Fly patterns imitating these two important trout foods are not readily available commercially, es-Detecting the strike or take is no problem. Fish hit pecially in the larger life-like sizes. I have collected specimens of the stonefly nymph which were over hard and fast in the rapid water, usually hooking

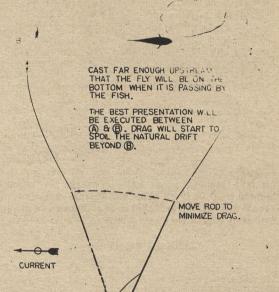
themselves. An 8 1/2 to 9 foot rod, powerful enough to handle a number nine or ten weight line, will take some of the strain and paid out of casting these oversized flies. Sinking type fly lines are a decided advantage in certain types of waters, although they are not generally necessary in the shallower streams and rivers.

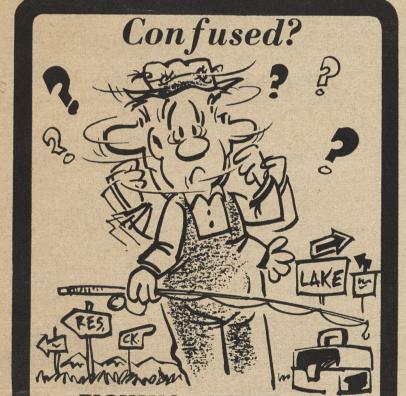
Lead shot can be attached to the leader to get the fly down to the fish, only experience will tell how much. 1X or 2X tippets are generally sufficient for the big flies. Heavier tippets are apt to be too stiff to allow the natural movement of the fly. A hook hone is a necessity. The big hooks must be extremely sharp to penetrate the hard, bony mouths of big trout.

#### FIVE FAVORITE FLIES

I wouldn't be caught without the following five big patterns when fishing for lunker trout: the "Terrible Troth" stonefly nymph, a sofa pillow dry fly, the bullhead imitation, and two big bucktails, one yellow and the other white. The bucktails are tied on the big #3/0 hooks and are four to six inches long. I remember a day two years ago on the Big Hole using the white bucktail. It was a dark, dreary day with a steady rain that did little to change the mood of the day. An entry in my fishing diary for that lists six trout tagged and released and one fish killed.

The six released trout ranged from four pounds, four ounces to five pounds, seven ounces. The fish I kept, a male brownie, tipped the scales at eight





FIRST STEP My first logical step in imitating these two favorite foods of the trout was to match the size, next the general form, tied a bit rough to break the outline,

and last, the color of the live counterpart. The stonefly nymph turned out to be a dandy. It was named the "Terrible Troth" by a friend who thought it was the most ghastly looking, fish catchingest fly crazy about the big flies. he had ever seen or used.

This nymph imitation is tied on a long shanked #1/0 hook. The finished fly measures about three inches from stem to stern. The bullhead pattern is tied on a heavy wire #3/0 salmon hook and boasts an overall length of four and a half inches. Both patterns have accounted for a large number of big trout. These flies are tied on extremely heavy wire hooks to aid the fly in sinking to the bottom where large trout feed.

#### TAGGING PROGRAM

I tag and release most of the fish I catch, keeping only an occasional fish or two for the table. In 1961, on the Madison River, I tagged and released fortyseven trout over four pounds in thirteen days of fishing. All were caught on the "Terrible Troth" stonefly nymph pattern. The best victim on this fly to date has been a six pound, nine ounce brownie taken from the Madison last year in the latter part of June.

The stonefly and bullhead both inhabit the faster

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parts of the river. The big stonefly nymph requires plenty of oxygen, and can be found in great numbers in the riffles and fast water sections of the river. The nymph is a crawling type of nymph, it cannot swim. The trout usually see the numphs drifting footloose and at the mercy of the currents. The fished imitations should appear unattached and free;

not swimming upstrem and causing as much com- HERE'S HOW AL TROTH FISHES HIS BIG WET FLIES motion as a young lab after a crippled goose.

#### SCULPIN HISTORY

The bullhead or sculpin is rather interesting. The

Like the stonelfy, the bullhead is most active in the Don Duvall of Duvall's Mercantile here reports early morning and late evening. It follows that this that the authorities have been working on boat ramps is the best time to fish imitations of either. the past weeks but a bulldozer wallowed down in the

Selecting good holding water for trout is sometimes mud and stalled the development. a problem. This can be made easier by the use of The Hungry Horse road has been repaired, however, of a pair of polaroid glasses. The holding water Duvall said, and travellers can get to the lake. The will appear as deep, dark green patches through the lake is ice free, also.



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# Road Open To Dam

COLUMBIA FALLS - It all sounds a little confusing

bullhead can crawl on the bottom by using the pectoral when told, but it boils down to this: fine They spend most of the day under rocks on the There is now a road open into Hungry Horse rebottom of the river. Their swimming action is pe- servoir for boaters and anglers to trailer their culiar. They swim in short darts or hops on the stream boats into the lake. There are no ramps for launchbottom, hurriedly moving for cover under some rock. ing as yet and beware of the mud.

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TROPHY elk antlers are displayed by Herb Stout Jr., 17, of 804 Michigan Ave., Libby, Montana, which he took during the 1962 season near Thompson Falls. The rake scored 367 5/8 in the Bone and Crockett club records and measured 60 inches in spread. The rack is in the upper third of the trophy club's listings and is about fifth in spread. Stout called this a "dream come true", John Zingg, along with the hunter's father, Red Stout, was hunting with the lad when the big shot came.

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ONE OF MANY trout and walleye pike taken the past two weeks by Dick Gregory was this 3 3/4 pound rainbow trout. Dick used a white doll fly. Earlier, Dick and Jack Bright landed 8 walleye and two, 3-pound trout on doll flies and spoons.

CHARLIE OMMEN of Glasgow AFB used a minnow to catch this fine 2 1/4pound rainbow trout recently. Minnows have been top bait for both trout and walleye pike this spring. Kamlooper spoons and doll flies are other top baits here.



ROBERT TAPP of Glasgow used yellow doll flies to take this stringer of trout and one walleye pike last week from the Missouri. White and yellow doll flies have been working exceptionally well for northeast anglers lately.



HARRIET GREY of Glasgow AFB used a red and white Dardevle and landed this 2 1/4-pound rainbow trout last week just below the air force recreation area in the Missouri river. Talk is that she beat out her husband on this trip.

# Fanatic New Anti-Gun Group Formed

Anybody who thinks that the nation's sportsmen en-mass have succeeded in driving anti-gun proponents into hibernation should stand up and go to the foot of the class.

Witness, for instance, a national group of mis-guided people who have recently formed under the leadership of the Supreme Court Justice of the state of New York.

This group can only be defined as fanatic. Not only do they want gun registration and strict control over firearm sales but they want mother hen measures hovering over every facet of gun ownership.

For instance: this new group would, if they could, regulate the selling of shells. Hunters, target plinkers etc., they say, should be allowed to purchase a specific quota of shells and no more. Ration cards, supposedly, would handle the watch-dog duties and, well, if you shot up your month's quota on one trip then you'd just have to take up some other hobby until your "turn" to buy shells came around again.

No mention has been forwarded by the group as to what this law would do to sportsmen who tool their own shells. One gets the idea that such hobbies would nevermore be allowed to exist--without a government license--if this new organization realizes their druthers. Fantastic? Yes, but there's more.

The group also wants every gun owner to be fingerprinted. Any citizen convicted of a felony would thereafter and forever suspend any rights he has to bear arms. And, eventually, a limit would be established on the number of firearms any citizen is allowed to possess.

The idea, of couse, is to make the owning of any gun so burdensome that their popularity would decrease. The end result then, as in all anti-gun legislation, is the same: an un-armed population.



# High Waters Stalling Ruby

TWIN BRIDGES - There's little hope here for a clear Ruby river for weekend anglers. The snow and rain of the past week has pretty much taken care of that, says Frank Rose of Frank's Sport Shop here.

Bait anglers might fetch up a few fish through the dirty water, but most anglers prefer to wait out the remaining two weeks until the opening of the general season.

Bil Mular of Dillon used bait last weekend to land a nice stringer of trout from the Ruby river, reports The Sport Shop in Dillon.



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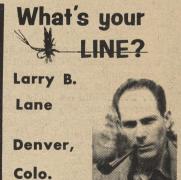


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#### TROUT DERBY

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#### MORE NEWSPAPERS are handed to Al Thorbjornsen, 13, of Helena by Fishing & Hunting News associate Gladys Davenport. The young businessman had already sold 49 F&H News' when he returned for

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another 20 last week. Thorbjornsen started selling newspapers once a week, along with subscriptions, in March. Already, he is one of the top newsboys for F&H News. In less than a month he had earned 1700 points for a deluxe, 5-pound filled sleeping bag. Last week, he started working on an English lightweight bike with one of the best weeks he's had-- he earned 945 points. He needs only 3500 for his bike. It's easy to earn prizes like these or cash anywhere in Montana. Contact F&H News, Box 711, Helena, for details. Age is no barrier to becoming an F&H News newsboy.

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