



Chester Dam Access Update

As part of the Chester Dam Hydroelectric Project, the project licensee, Symbiotics, was required to improve the boat ramps above and below Chester Dam. This work was completed in late April. River users will find the boat take-out above the dam, and the boat put-in below the dam, are now wide, gently sloped, concrete ramps. This is a major improvement from the primitive dirt boat launches previously in



Chester Put-In



Chester Take-Out

use at these sites. Sometime in the next several months, the parking areas will be graded and a vault toilet installed. In the meantime, please continue to park vehicles with trailers at the upper parking area. There is a very high level of construction activity at the Chester Hydroelectric site now and through summer; please be cautious around all the heavy equipment and construction workers.

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Additionally, the following article was printed in the *Rexburg Standard-Journal* newspaper about the Chester Dam:

[June eyed for opening of revamped Chester Dam](#)

Rexburg Standard Journal

Where the Cross Cut Canal is diverted at the dam, work crews were busy this week installing fish screens that will keep most of the famous **Henry's Fork** ...

Idaho Invasive Species Fund Boat Stickers

It is time to get the 2011 Idaho Invasive Species Fund Stickers for your boat. The cost is \$7.00 for a non-motorized boat. Stickers can be purchased on-line from Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, <http://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/idahoinvasivespeciesfund.aspx>

Stickers can also be purchased at numerous local vendors including Eastern Idaho Visitor Center in Idaho Falls, Valley Wide Co-op in Rexburg, Victor Emporium in Victor, Fremont County Weed Dept. and C&C Supply in St. Anthony, and in Island Park, at Harriman State Park, Elk Creek Station, and Island Park Adventures. The funds collected go towards boat inspections and educating boaters to NOT introduced invasive species to our precious rivers and lakes.

R&R Raffle Tickets will be Drawn May 20, 2011

Don't miss your chance to win a great prize, including 'Fall on the Fork'. Your contribution to the R&R Raffle will give you an opportunity to help us restore the health and integrity of the river we all love – and also give you a chance to win one of the prizes listed on our website. If that's not reason enough to support the R&R Raffle, read further to see how your support can make a difference.

The HFF's 2011 Research and Restoration Program is as busy as ever, and includes the following highlights:

- Fish passage and habitat improvements in Thurmon and Fish creeks (both in Harriman State Park) to provide vital overwintering habitat to juvenile wild trout in the Railroad Ranch section of the river. Continued fish passage monitoring at the Buffalo River Hydroelectric Project.
- The completion of the canal screening and fish ladder project at Chester Dam (working with the Fall River Rural Electric Cooperative and other partners), which will reconnect miles of fish habitat in the Henry's Fork and the Fall River to the rest of the Snake River watershed for the first time in nearly a century.
- Continued close monitoring of the Ashton Dam repair process, which has already greatly benefited, and improved, thanks to the HFF's input and requests for science-based project design; 2011 is going to be a critically important year for this project.
- Completion of a trout distribution database for the Henry's Fork watershed, including status of Yellowstone cutthroat trout. Development of a watershed science education program in conjunction with local schools, to expand and improve work that is already underway.



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- A full summer season of field work with our college interns.

Across the length and breadth of the Henry's Fork watershed; from tiny cutthroat streams in the Centennials to the Henry's Fork in Last Chance to the great tributaries flowing out of Yellowstone and off the Tetons to the rural and suburban lowermost reaches of the river. This is the watershed that we work for, and that you love. The R&R Raffle plays a huge role in making our work for this watershed possible.

We cannot stay in business for the Henry's Fork without you. Please support the 2011 R&R Raffle. Thank you for making our work possible!

The suggested contribution for raffle tickets is
\$10 per ticket OR ten tickets for \$80

Go to www.henrysfork.org to get tickets online and for a full description of the prizes.

Save the Date!

Henry's Fork Day is June 18th.

<p>HENRY'S FORK DAY</p> <p><u>8:00 - 10:00 AM</u> Pancake Breakfast (sponsored by Frostop Drive-In)</p> <p><u>8:00 - 5:30 PM</u> Best of Henry's Fork Casting Competition (sponsored by All Cast Fly Casting Championships)</p> <p><u>10:00 - 11:00 AM</u> Membership Meeting</p> <p><u>4:00 PM</u> Silent Auction Complimentary Beer & Wine</p> <p><u>6:00 PM</u> Prime Rib & Grilled Chicken Dinner</p> <p><u>6:30 PM</u> Silent Auction Closes</p> <p><u>6:45 PM</u> Live Auction (Will Godfrey, Auctioneer)</p> <p><u>8:30 PM</u> HFF Awards</p> <p><u>8:45 PM</u> ClackaCraft Boat Drawing</p>	 <p>HENRY'S FORK DAY XXVII Saturday, June 18, 2011 Fisherman's Access - Last Chance, Idaho HENRYSFORK.ORG (208) 652-3567</p>
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Win a ClackaCraft Drift Boat

On June 18, 2011, a very fortunate person will be the proud owner of a ClackaCraft drift boat. Drawing will be held in conjunction with Henry's Fork Day; you do not need to be present to win.

Tickets are \$100 each and are available at the HFF office (available online soon); only 125 tickets will be sold.

<h3>HENRY'S FORK FOUNDATION RAFFLE</h3> <h3>CLACKACRAFT 16LP LOW PROFILE</h3> <p><i>(\$9,150 RETAIL VALUE)</i></p> <p>Drawing June 18, 2011 @ Henry's Fork Day</p> <p><i>Donation of \$100 per ticket</i> <i>(Only 125 tickets will be sold)</i></p> <p><i>Need not be present to win</i></p>		<p><i>Send this stub to the HFF office for entry</i></p>	NAME: _____
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	STATE / ZIP: _____		
	PHONE: _____		
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Thank you for a Successful Boise Fundraiser

Thank you to all our supporters for a very successful fundraising event in Boise on April 9. A big thanks to our auction donors and others who contributed in any way. A very big thank you to those who attended. It is because of your support that the Henry's Fork Foundation continues to be the 'voice of the river' and accomplish its mission to protect the Henry's Fork River.



Photo from Members Catch & Release Photo Gallery

Log on to www.henrysfork.org, become a member, and submit your photos today!