





## About Us

The Henry's Fork Foundation conserves, restores, and protects the unique fishery, wildlife, and aesthetic qualities of the Henry's Fork watershed. HFF has worked to preserve the Henry's Fork since 1984. Learn more [about HFF](#).

## You're invited to the San Francisco Reception

The Henry's Fork Foundation invites you to a reception and auction in San Francisco on Thursday, November 10, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the St. Francis Yacht Club: 99 Yacht Road. Guest speakers will include famed fisherman Mike Lawson of Henry's Fork Anglers and HFF's new Executive Director, Brandon Hoffner.

Auction items include guided trips, fishing gear, art, wine, and more. Best of all, proceeds will benefit HFF's important work. A reception, drinks, and silent auction begin at 6 p.m., with dinner and all other events starting at 7:30 p.m.

## Fish Patagonia, Argentina

### While benefiting the Henry's Fork Foundation!

The Henry's Fork Foundation and Patagonia River Guides have teamed up to create an unbeatable 7-night, 6-day fly fishing trip to beautiful Argentina. Join HFF and Patagonia River Guides this winter to fish the best rivers, stay in the finest accommodations, savor mouthwatering cuisine, enjoy fine wines, and see spectacular scenery, while giving to the Henry's Fork Foundation.



Patagonia River Guides will match donations to the Henry's Fork Foundation, up to 15% of their guiding rate, for each person booked on the trip. The trip runs from March 20-27 and is for a maximum of 12 guests. Don't wait too long to book; the week is filling up quickly. [Learn more](#).

## River Ambassador Awards

The Henry's Fork river guides are essential to HFF's membership recruitment plan. Each year, local guides serve as Ambassadors of the River by introducing their clients to the work of the Henry's Fork Foundation and signing them up for a complimentary membership. As of October 1st, these dedicated guides had provided 521 new complimentary memberships for the year.

Bob Lamm of Henry's Fork Anglers led the field again with a whopping 75 names, and HFF awarded him a shotgun in appreciation of his efforts. Andy Jenkins, also of Henry's Fork Anglers, was a close second with 68 names. HFF presented him with a \$100 gift certificate to Sportsman's Warehouse. The following guides provided at least ten names and received an Ambassador of the River vest for their efforts: Henry's Fork Anglers guides Bob Lamm, Andy Jenkins, John Hudgens, Tom Grimes, Alex Kohn, and John Mauldin, and TroutHunter guides Zach Wheeler, Travis Rydberg, Jake Chutz, Phil Sgamma, Travis Smith, Carlos Chavez, Marty Reed, John Lewis, Jonathan Heames, Brad Miller, and Pat Gaffney. Thanks to all the guides who help spread the word about the Henry's Fork Foundation!

## Aquatic Vegetation Survey Reveals Changes in Species

The HFF Research and Restoration team assisted Western Oregon University professor Jeff Snyder

with aquatic vegetation survey work in Harriman State Park in September. Snyder completed his master's thesis on aquatic plants (macrophytes) and trumpeter swans in Harriman State Park in 1991.

Macrophytes are the primary food source for waterfowl as well as a principal component of fish habitat in the Henry's Fork. Snyder re-surveyed the same plant sampling locations he used for his research 20 years ago to see if, and how, plants have changed since he did his original work in Harriman State Park.

Because the original plant surveys were done prior to the large sediment release event from Island Park Dam in 1992, his research could reveal the effect of sediment on vegetation. Some of this sediment remains in those wide, shallow areas of Harriman State Park like Millionaires Pool and Big Bend.

Based on preliminary looks at the plants, Snyder noted, "definite shifts in plant species diversity are apparent in locations such as Big Bend, which prior to 1992 was thick with Canadian waterweed," a common plant species in the park.

Snyder will prepare a final report and comparison to past work this winter. His work is one more piece of the puzzle to help us better understand the Henry's Fork and potential habitat changes over time. HFF will use this knowledge to help us assess actions and alternatives to benefit swans and trout in Harriman State Park in the future.



## We Need Your Support for Education Programs

Every year, countless connections are formed between the Henry's Fork and its visitors, made possible by the fulfillment of our mission to conserve and to protect the watershed. Think about how your own relationship with the river has evolved: perhaps during solitary evenings stalking rainbow trout at Harriman State Park, enjoying the serenity of a Last Chance sunset, or discovering the wonder of Big Springs with your family.

Your connection to the river evolved into a passion to protect these areas. Your generosity and commitment will help future generations to connect with and protect the Henry's Fork. This year we are venturing into classrooms and taking teachers and kids into the field in order to ensure a vital, fundamental connection: Youth to Watershed. But we need your help! The 2011-2012 programs include: Trout in the Classroom, Chester Wetlands Day, Teachers' Tackle Box, HFF Internships, and River Buddies Fishing.

Please help us make this vital connection to youth by helping us raise \$20,000 for educational programs. [Make your gift](#) now. The connections nurtured today will have a ripple effect on the future of the river we all love. Thank you for your support!

### Henry's Fork featured in photography exhibition

BYU-Idaho will exhibit photographs by Darren

### Ashton Dam and Chester Dam construction updates

Major work is ongoing at both Ashton Dam and

Clark this fall in the university's Jacob Spori Art Gallery. A reception for the artist of "The Henry's Fork--an exhibition of photographs by Darren Clark" is Thursday, October 27 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Look for the exhibit in Room 140 of the Spori Building at 525 South Center Street in Rexburg, Idaho. The exhibit will be open for viewing from October 21 to November 11.



the Chester Dam Hydroelectric facility. The Ashton Reservoir draw-down was completed in late September and water quality below the dam has slowly but steadily improved. Water turbidity levels have remained well below allowable limits throughout the project. The Ashton Dam reconstruction project is on schedule for completion in late 2012.

The Chester Hydroelectric Project is nearing completion, with the fish ladder now open, and fish screens in the irrigation canals in place. The power turbines are undergoing some final adjustments before they go online.

Construction activity at both projects changes frequently. Check [HFF's website](#) for the most up to date information.