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## 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](#).

## New Director Joins HFF This Month

Brandon Hoffner will officially take the reins as HFF's new Executive Director on September 26. Brandon joins HFF directly from his position as Lands Program Manager with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation in Salida, Colorado.



Brandon has also worked as the Landscape Conservation Initiative Coordinator for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Regional Director in southern Idaho for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ranch Manager in Goshen County, Wyoming, and Fisheries Technician with Colorado State University.

Brandon and his wife, Rochelle, have three daughters and will reside in Ashton. Both the Board of Directors and staff met with Brandon in August and all are looking forward to him joining the HFF team. Watch for more in-depth information about Brandon in the next quarterly newsletter.

## Sediment a Concern During Ashton Reservoir Drawdown

A key step in the Ashton Dam repair occurred August 30, when the rock wall in front of the bypass tunnel was mostly removed and the entire river began flowing through the tunnel. There was a significant spike in river turbidity when this was done, but it was well within the water quality standards set by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

The reservoir drawdown is now in progress. As of September 9<sup>th</sup> it has come down nine feet of the planned 17-foot drawdown. The drawdown has temporarily slowed this week while additional rock is removed from the area around the tunnel opening.



As the reservoir is lowered, there is a risk that accumulated sediment on the reservoir bottom may begin moving. If this occurs, the drawdown rate will be slowed to allow sediment to settle back out. PacifiCorp, the Idaho Department of Environment Quality, HFF, and many concerned anglers are monitoring the river closely during this critical phase of the Ashton Dam Remediation Project.

For regular updates on the construction, visit the [HFF website](#).

## 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 (see separate article).

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!

### New River Buddies Brings Kids to Fishing

The new River Buddies fishing program, envisioned by local fly-fishing guide Martin Reed, introduced eight at-risk kids from the Pocatello area to the transformative experience of fishing the Henry's Fork. Funds for the

### *The River Why* Film Premier

Don't miss the premier of *The River Why* in Salt Lake City at the Jeanne Wagner Theater on September 29. For more information, visit the [HFF website](#).

program came from sales of flies tied by fishing guides and packaged into "blister packs" donated by Key Med Long Pharmacy in Pocatello.

The participating kids were equipped with their own fly fishing gear, hats and T-shirts. They caught (and released) trout while getting to know their volunteer River Buddies guides: Martin Reed, Travis Smith, Brad Miller, Zach Wheeler, Brandon Prince, and Eric Grigg.



As to why River Buddies is so important, Reed says "The kids are the future of the river. When they learn to fish and enjoy the river, their next step is to want to protect it for themselves and future generations." The guides and HFF are committed to making this event an annual tradition with local area youth.

**THE RIVER WHY**

EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS: BRIGID QUINN & ANDREW QUINN. QUINN & QUINN IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE SALT LAKE CITY PREMIERE OF THE RIVER WHY.

Please join us, as well as the film's director, Matthew Quinlan and cinematographer, Bradshaw Quinlan, for the Utah Premiere of THE RIVER WHY, featuring the Natural Conservancy of Utah and Lake County, the official presenting sponsors of fishing and environmental preservation.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH**  
**ROSE WAGNER THEATER**  
100 WEST BUCKLEWICH, SALT LAKE CITY

**7:00PM**

Utah Premiere of The River Why  
DIRECTED BY MATTHEW QUINLAN  
FEATURING: ZACH WHEELER, BRANDON PRINCE, BRADSHAW QUINLAN, AND WILLIAM HUFF  
A High Line Productions and Sundazed Films Production

Immediately following the screening there will be a cocktail reception for 100 tickets. Tickets are free to enjoy with the nation, river, and food by Willing and Associates production.

PLEASE SEE THE RIVER WHY AND BELOW  
WE HAVE LIMITED AVAILABLE TICKETS. PLEASE GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY!  
WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU FOR AN EXCEPTIONAL EVENING.

THE RIVER WHY  
ONE MAN'S STRUGGLE TO CHASE HIS DREAMS

CAST: ANDREW QUINN, BRIGID QUINN, ANDREW QUINN, WILLIAM HUFF

TICKETS FOR THE SALT LAKE CITY SCREENING OF THE RIVER WHY ARE NOW AVAILABLE BY CALLING THE NATURE CONSERVANCY OF UTAH. VISIT US AT: WWW.NATURECONSERVANCY.UTAH.COM

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8 Parkland Avenue September 29th

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