



HENRY'S FORK FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER

A Winter Success Story

by Steve Trafton, HFF Executive Director

Last October, after the last salvaged trout had swum off, the nets and buckets had been put away, and the volunteers had all gone home, we had no idea what the coming winter held in store for the Henry's Fork. No water was flowing out of Island Park Dam, the river in Last Chance looked like a badly flooded lawn, and the weather prognosticators were predicting another dry winter. In saving thousands of adult rainbow trout we had safeguarded a big part of the river's future. The rest of that future, however, was highly uncertain.

On November 17, just under a month after work began, repairs on the dam's outlet tunnel and gates were completed. The Fremont-Madison Irrigation District (FMID) approached the Foundation with the proposal that they leave the dam gates closed to take advantage of the warm late fall weather and the opportunity to store more water in the reservoir. Increasing early winter storage had the potential to create more flexibility in late winter flow management, something that the Foundation had requested when the announcement was first made that the dam would be shut off. We agreed to wait for another two weeks, at which point a final decision would be made about when to resume releases, at what volume and for how long.

On December 2, the Henry's Fork Foundation sat down with the FMID, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG), federal resource managers (the Bureau of Reclamation and the Forest Service), hydropower generators, and concerned organizations and citizens (notably Trout Unlimited and Rene Harrop) to chart a course for the winter. Continued warm and dry weather did not augur well for either the trout fishery or the coming year's crop of potatoes. As unlikely as the circumstances were, however, the agreement we reached was even less likely: To leave the dam gates closed until December 26, at which point flows of 180 cubic feet per second (cfs) would start, and be maintained at that level or greater until normal irrigation deliveries resume in the spring. Why this decision was so unusual bears closer investigation.

From the Foundation's perspective, the prospect of limping

through yet another winter with minimal flows below Island Park Dam was unacceptable. The minimum recommended flow out of the dam's outlet tunnel is 80 cfs (lower flows exert tremendous, and potentially damaging, pressure on the gates), and data analysis by the IDFG clearly indicates that winter juvenile trout mortality is very high in years of minimal flows. Young-of-the-year trout need adequate habitat along the edges of the river to survive their first winter, and when flows get too low those fish are forced into the main channel, where their chances of survival are extremely low. For the past two winters flows have typically ranged from 80 to just over 100 cfs, and that was the likely scenario for the winter of 2003-'04 as well. Research (primarily that conducted by M. Mitro) strongly suggests that although juvenile trout need adequate flows all winter, flows in the mid to late winter period are the most critical to their survival. Thus, leaving the dam gates closed for another three weeks in the early winter, but then having more than double the minimum flow for the duration of the winter and into the spring spawning season, was a logical compromise. We hedged the bet by requesting the option to open the gates at any time in December should an extreme cold snap occur. Overall, the solution was greatly preferable to an 80 cfs trickle all winter long.

For the irrigators, the compromise worked because the extra weeks during which they stored water in Island Park Reservoir gave them added insurance against the strong possibility of another drought winter. FMID's willingness to work with us was exemplary. We cannot forget that simply leaving the gates of the dam closed until the reservoir fills is a perfectly legal solution to drought, and that the dam was shut off virtually *annually* through the early 1970s and frequently thereafter into the early 1990s. Today's crises were quite commonplace yesterday. Today's solutions are real cause for optimism. That optimism would be baseless without the FMID's cooperation. Twenty years of HFF outreach are paying off.

Hydropower generators were pleased with the December 2 decision as well, because releases of 180 cfs allow them to generate electricity in the winter. Releasing water through the power plant

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Looking upstream from the mouth of the Buffalo River December 12, 2003



Looking upstream from the mouth of the Buffalo River December 29, 2003

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A Note From the Chair—

Greetings from a cold and snowy Idaho Falls. This winter's wet spell dumped many feet of fresh snow in Island Park. While the drought is far from over, this winter's much-needed precipitation has been most welcome!

Not only did we experience an above average snowpack for much of the winter, but we are also seeing higher than average flows in the river. As Steve details in this newsletter the increased flows are not by accident, but are the result of a collaborative effort by the HFF, FMID and a group of concerned water users, agencies and organizations.

This year is the 20th anniversary of the Henry's Fork Foundation. It is hard to believe that in the twenty years since the endeavors of Bill Manlove and a small group of dedicated individuals the HFF has become a 2,000 member strong organization. Like any small business the Foundation has been through growing pains and we have had our fair share of ups and downs. But through it all, with the help of supporters like you, we have been able to continue our fight to protect this most precious resource.

We will celebrate the 20th anniversary throughout the year with events including what was yet another highly successful Salt Lake City reception and our main celebration in Island Park on Henry's Fork Day, June 19. Watch for more details on the HFF Web site and in the spring newsletter.

Please make an effort to come out and join us as we celebrate; we look forward to seeing you!

Thank you for your continued support.

—Marty McLellan

Committee Makes Plans for a Special Henry's Fork Day Celebration

Last year the HFF Board of Directors appointed a committee to make plans for celebrating the HFF's 20th anniversary in 2004. The centerpiece of the celebration will be the annual Henry's Fork Day, which this year will take place on Saturday, June 19. According to committee co-chairs Richard Hansen and Dan Todd, "We want to publicize the HFF's 20 years of solid accomplishments and our ground-breaking approach to conservation issues with a memorable event on the banks of the river we are protecting." They plan to hold the daylong celebration in a big-top tent containing the familiar raffles and auctions—plus some new and exciting attractions.

Hansen said that the committee has set a goal of raising \$100,000 around Henry's Fork Day, and to that end, they have already launched a campaign to enlist business and individual "host sponsors." Host sponsors will be recognized in a variety of ways including promotional opportunities. Sage Rod Co. is making a special 20th anniversary edition of a 9 ft., 5 wt., four-piece travel rod for the anniversary. The rod will be available for purchase or as a recognition for a host sponsor donation at the \$2,000 level.

Board chair Marty McLellan lauded the efforts of

the committee: "We are coming off a year of outstanding progress. It is fitting that we take time to mark the occasion of HFF's 20 years of accomplishments in its efforts to fulfill our mission 'to understand, restore and protect the fishery, wildlife and aesthetic qualities of the Henry's Fork River.' I hope as many members and supporters as possible turn out to support and recognize HFF on June 19."

In addition to co-chairs Hansen and Todd, the anniversary celebration committee includes board members Al Bridwell, John Champion, Ann Murray and Gene Quinn. They are being assisted in their fundraising efforts by HFF member volunteers Rene Harrop (TroutHunter), Mike Lawson (Henry's Fork Anglers) and Steve Schmidt (Western Rivers Flyfisher).

As part of the celebration, a reception for members of the Green Drake Society will be hosted by John and Rebecca Champion at their summer home the evening before Henry's Fork Day.

For information on becoming a host sponsor for the event or anything else regarding Henry's Fork Day, contact the HFF office at 208-652-3567; e-mail hff@henrysfork.org. ▼

Upper River Project Addresses Sediment in Henry's Fork Outlet

by Jim Gregory and Jock Conyngham

In recent years the HFF has allocated increasing efforts toward understanding and addressing problems in the Upper River, that portion of the Henry's Fork drainage from the headwaters to Island Park Dam. The Henry's Lake outlet is an integral part of the river, and previous HFF-sponsored studies by Dr. Tom Wesche in the mid 1990s showed that it is the most important contributor to the chronic sediment loading that is the upper river's most salient problem.

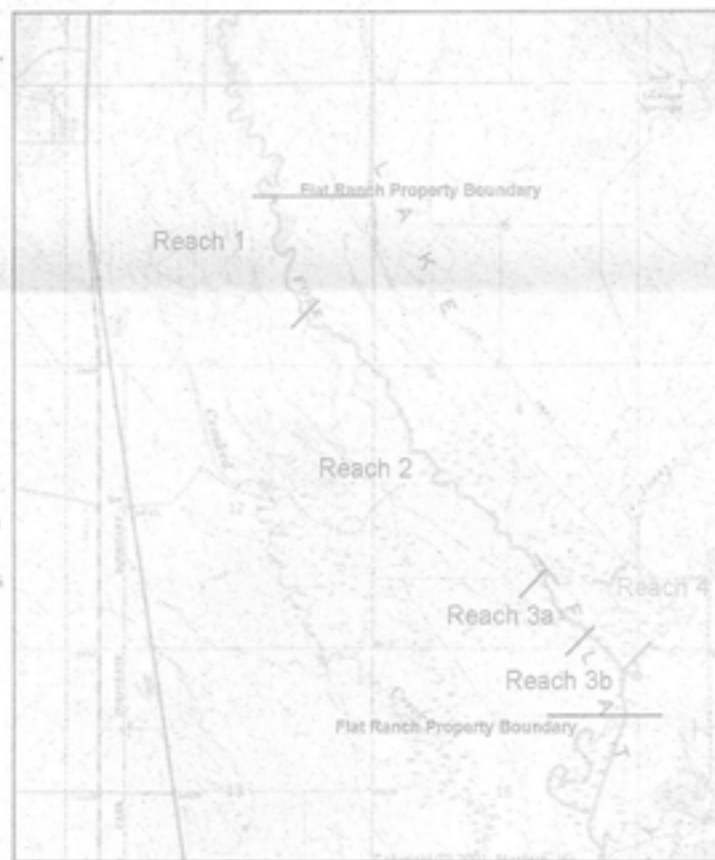
During the fall of 2002 the HFF secured the services of restoration ecologist Jock Conyngham to assist in identifying the cause of the sediment problem in the outlet. After looking at aerial photos and making rapid surveys by foot and canoe, Jock pointed out that multiple sections of the outlet have been channelized, i.e., artificially straightened, robbing the river of its natural sinuosity and gradient, causing downcutting and displacing enormous volumes of sediment. Additionally, as the stream attempts to recreate a functioning sinuous channel at a lower elevation it erodes banks, producing more sediment still.

During the summer of 2003 HFF interns, under the guidance of Conyngham and Jim Gregory, measured stream morphological characteristics to assess a range of fluvial processes. The Nature Conservancy's Flat Ranch property was divided into five reaches, as shown on the map. Representative cross-sections were surveyed in each section, including reach 4, a former channel currently influenced by beaver activity. Reaches were also analyzed to calculate silt storage and conveyance capacity. Other analyses undertaken during the 2003 field season included scour pin and chain placements and measurements, pebble counts, longitudinal profiles, and channel widths below the Flat Rock Club property.

The surveys quantified significant channel incision and enlargement on the Flat Ranch prop-

erty, particularly in downstream reaches. Channelization, specifically the straightening of formerly sinuous channel reaches with heavy equipment, is clearly the primary cause. Two straightened reaches are apparent on the map. One is on the lower portion of the Flat Ranch (reach 4, marked by the lighter bars, is the former channel) and the other lies immediately downstream of the property line.

Channelization has severe consequences for channel stability. Because reach length is significantly shortened (compare the length of the sinuous former channels to that of the current channel), the local slope



of the channel increases by an identical multiple. Stream force, a product of depth and slope, concomitantly increases. That increased stream force now operates, moreover, on a reduced amount of bed and banks. Rapid erosion results, and, on a fine-grained bed substrate with relatively weak but cohesive banks like those of the upper Henry's Fork, that will cause both vertical incision and lateral erosion. The

vertical incision creates a new base elevation, leading to headcutting in an upstream direction. Thus, significant impacts appear both upstream and downstream, where excessive sediment loads are deposited.

In summary, the data collected this summer show impacts to channel stability and both aquatic and terrestrial habitat continuing to occur through the Flat Ranch property.

Over the next several months the HFF will continue to work closely with The Nature Conservancy and other partners to raise money and further develop a project to address the channelization and resulting sedimentation. The HFF, Conyngham, and Gregory have developed a conceptual restoration design aimed at re-establishing a part of the outlet to its original elevation and sinuosity by putting it back into its old channel (reach 4).

On a larger scale, the HFF is working with a variety of partners on the question of flow management throughout the watershed. Ideally, outlet flows will someday more closely mimic natural flows. In the meantime, however, this project will help to mitigate the current flow regime.

As a result of the project the floodplain wetlands and riparian communities will be revitalized, bank erosion and sediment recruitment will be reduced to background rates, and sediment loading to downstream reaches will be significantly reduced.

The existence of the reach 4 remnant channel creates an opportunity for restoration with an extraordinarily low cost/benefit ratio, and the controlled setting of the Flat Ranch represents a laboratory where agency officials and other landowners can view the benefits of restoration. HFF hopes to have the project completed by summer 2005 at the latest.

2003 Summer Interns Reflect on Their Experiences



As the HFF prepares the intern program for the upcoming summer field season, we asked last summer's crew to share their thoughts on their experiences on the Henry's Fork. Since the program's beginning, almost 100 students have been able to study and work on conservation issues under the guidance of HFF staff. They are clearly part of an important tradition. Pictured above are (front) Sarah Grigg, Liz Crawford, Bryan Cheyne, (back) Anne Marie Emery, Leslie Reed, Joe Egan and HFF fisheries biologist Jim Gregory. Not pictured are Dave Griffith and Emily Huhn, early season volunteers who helped complete the Shotgun Valley assessment project. Dave is a teacher at the Taft School in Boston, and Emily is a graduate student in biology at Boston University. Intern's essays have been edited for space.

Anne Marie Emery is from Twin Falls, ID, where she is a student at Albertson College. Her fields of concentration are biology and environmental studies. She proved to be a very capable crew boss last summer.

Working with the Henry's Fork Foundation last summer has been an invaluable addition to my education and personal growth. Being familiar with Island Park through annual fishing trips to my great-grandfather's cabin, I have always felt at home in this area since it is reflective of my family's history and connects me to the experiences of my ancestors. It was a goal of mine to combine my academic studies with my love for the Henry's Fork to work and preserve this refuge for future generations.

Being hired as crew boss by the Henry's Fork Foundation was exactly the position I had been yearning for as it allowed me to actively participate in the conservation of this area while

forming associations with others who were experiencing this territory for the first time. Throughout various tasks of wrestling with fences, picking bugs from substrate and surveying seemingly endless transects at Flat Ranch, we were constantly greeted with glimpses of what our efforts were preserving: herds of antelope, massive moose, elk, dancing sandhill cranes and 20-inch trout (that challenged even the skilled angler). They reminded us daily of our objectives and motivated us to accomplish each assignment with determination. I am proud of having worked for such a committed organization.

I would like to send a special thanks to Jim Gregory, our fisheries boss, for sharing his knowledge of aquatic ecology and for making this summer such a rewarding one. His broad knowledge of the area, superior leadership skills and great attitude helped us overcome the tough fences and high water flows of Flat Ranch while making each day a fun and productive one!

—Anne Marie Emery

Brian Cheyne of St. Anthony, was the 2003 Byers Scholar. Brian is a student at Albertson's College in Twin Falls where he is majoring in creative writing.

I enjoyed my experience with the Henry's Fork Foundation and wish to thank the Byers Family for making the opportunity possible. Their legacy provided me a chance to learn more about the environment in which I grew up. Now I understand a little bit more about the way of life for the fishermen, the fish, and the communities encompassing them; how retaining a healthy number of fish is important to everyone who lives along the Snake River.

I enjoyed working with people my age from across the country and am glad to have met Leslie, Sarah, Liz, Ann Marie and Joe. We were able to discuss our different cultures and viewpoints, and we were a team working towards a goal to benefit the Henry's Fork and all who use and enjoy it. I am wholeheartedly thankful for it all.

—Bryan Cheyne

Liz Crawford was a Knight Scholarship student from Washington & Lee University. She comes from New Jersey, and is majoring in chemistry and environmental studies.

My summer at HFF was certainly one I will never forget. The experience of coming out West to a place totally unfamiliar to me was in itself amazing. But the experience of working on the land and in the streams, alongside the flora, fauna, and fishermen of the Henry's Fork is a memory that will be with me the rest of my life. I leave Idaho with a deeper understanding of water flow, rivers, riffles and pools, and everything else that surrounds the flow of water through the Fork (not to mention an additional hobby). Besides what I learned from bug sampling and electro-fishing, simple observation of the various waters taught me so much.

Work duties included electro-fishing and identifying juveniles, bug sampling and picking, maintaining fences in Last Chance and Mesa Falls, and setting up the Henry's Lake outlet for its study. Most of it was basic grunt work, but I was honestly happy just to be out there, admiring Sawtell Peak. Perhaps I'm just blocking out the biting ants, leeches, and cow gangs from my memory—but I really did learn a ton about bank erosion, the causes and effects of bed composition, fish and insect populations, and the shape of the river. And creel surveys were always a blast—especially since you were guaranteed to come across some interesting characters along the river.

Of course, there were also the moments I fell into the river—Fall River, Box Canyon, and the outlet. Observing the wildlife was always such a treat—ospreys, swans, pelicans, bald eagles, sandhill cranes, moose, antelope, and lastly, trout. The work really was easy to get through with all the sights and the fun we managed to have.

—Liz Crawford

Joe Egan was a James B. Greene Scholarship student from Colgate University where he is majoring in geography. Joe comes from Michigan.

Summer seemed a long way off when a professor of mine told me about an internship with a nonprofit organization in Ashton, Idaho. I went to high school in Idaho but never heard of any town called Ashton. I found it on my road atlas as a tiny dot on the map in the southeast corner of the state. I was told that Ashton was a small potato town, but I still thought that my map had exaggerated the size of Ashton's dot after my tour of the town.

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In just a few days after my arrival I no longer felt like a hapless tourist looking for the nearest fast food eatery. It turns out that all those fancy terms that were in the job description simply meant get outside and get the day's task done without any semantic arguments about the best way to shock fish or get bugs from the river bottom. It's been a privilege to learn about river ecosystems, data collection methods, and the operation of a nonprofit organization through first hand experience and hands on activity instead of sitting in a windowless classroom or reading a textbook under a desk lamp.

Living and working in Ashton and Island Park has been a great experience for me both academically and personally. There were many days I spent canoeing Big Springs or hiking Coffee Pot Rapids, amazed that I was getting paid to work in an area that most people only get to see on vacation. Working on the river and seeing it change from day to day gave me a great appreciation of the power and diversity of the Henry's Fork as well as its need for stewardship. I've had a great time living in the Henry's Fork basin and enjoying the many perks the river has to offer, and I wish the Henry's Fork Foundation the best in its mission to keep the river and surrounding area healthy and beautiful.

—Joe Egan

Sarah Harrison Grigg was the second Washington & Lee 2003 A. Paul Knight Scholarship recipient. Sarah is majoring in Spanish and art history and comes from Pennsylvania.

Ashton boasts a population, an agriculturally based economy, and abundant outdoor recreational opportunities similar to my hometown in the Tioga Forest of Pennsylvania. After spending a summer immersed in this town on the other side of the Continental Divide, I can hardly say that Mormons and Amish, huckleberry jam and maple syrup, black angus and jerseys, the Alleghenies and the Tetons, or the Henry's Fork and the Susquehanna have very much in common. My summer internship with the Henry's Fork Foundation illustrated that I need not travel to another country to experience the new and exotic.

One of the most valuable things I carried away from the internship was a renewed appreciation of the outdoors. Life in the Ashton area seems to rotate around the land, whether it is through outdoor recreation, conservation work, or making a living through ranching/farming.

At the close of my junior year, I had no idea what I would do following graduation, but my work experience this summer gave me obvious career direction: outdoor journalism. I would much rather apply the writing and research aspects of an art history to outdoor interests. The esoteric knowledge provided by the members of the Foundation and the locals was one of the most fascinating aspects of the job. From Ollie the forest firefighter to rancher/board member Dan Todd, each provided a unique point of view. Jim Gregory was a fountain of knowledge concerning river ecology/biology, ranching practices, cowboy culture, the life of the trout, and generally all that is Idaho—and really, who knew elk jerky tasted so much better after sunning on the dashboard for an afternoon? He should write a book. I will never forget Susan's lessons regarding seed potato farming, car mechanics and fence repair, as well.

Though the internship provided ample time in beautiful landscapes, fellow intern Liz Crawford and I found it was not enough. We often went fly fishing in the evenings, determined to land one on our own, and ended up covering much of the area around Ashton in our search for trout. Hiking to Table Rock outside Driggs and the Bechler River Trail in Yellowstone marked high points in the summer. A mini-road trip on the Sawtooth Scenic Highway confirmed our suspicions that Idaho is the most pristine state in the lower 48.

—Sarah Harrison Grigg

Leslie Reed from Watertown, NY, was a James B. Greene Scholarship student from Colgate University. She graduated last year with majors in geology and economics.

I had an amazing time this past summer working for the Henry's Fork Foundation. I did not

know exactly what to expect when I was driving out from New York. I had just graduated college, and wanted to have a good time for a good cause before heading out into the working world. I definitely did not imagine that I would fall in love with this area of our country in just three short months. Between the HFF members I met at the Henry's Fork Day, the fellow interns that I lived and worked with, the fishing guides and gurus of Island Park, I met a lot of wonderful people this summer. The sincere appreciation that people feel for the Henry's Fork region only made my job easier. There are not many places I can think of where you can observe a moose crossing a river, or drive home and see not one, but two great horned owls flying mere feet over your car—and where you see so many people pass through the area who really seem to be touched in just a few days or weeks by the people and the land.

The main focus of the summer interns of 2003 was on the Henry's Lake outlet. Here, the group huffed and puffed while placing numerous rebar in the banks to mark erosion, as well as in the riverbeds themselves for scour chains, and as markers all along the reach to aid with surveying the elevation of the land.

Working with the crew was a great experience. It was tough on those 100 degree days; sometimes it felt a lot better to just sunbathe and not work in the field! We had our frustrations, but together we accomplished a lot, and I am very proud of the work that was completed. I also consider myself very lucky to have made the friends that I did. Overall, my internship with the HFF provided me with great field experience, new friends, and a new summer vacation spot to visit in the coming years! Thanks so much HFF, keep up the wonderful work and good luck with future studies and events!

—Leslie Reed



The snowpack is looking good, as Susan Steinman documents in this late January photo of Robinson Creek.

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(as opposed to the outlet tunnel) also has a couple of fringe benefits from the Foundation's perspective. First, flows of at least 180 cfs are required to generate electricity, so as long as the lights are on we know that the correct amount of water (or more) is in the river - no small benefit, given the unreliability of some stream-flow gages. Second, water coming through the powerhouse is passed through the aeration facility for which the HFF fought so hard in the 1980s, and thus is of optimal water quality as it enters the Box Canyon.

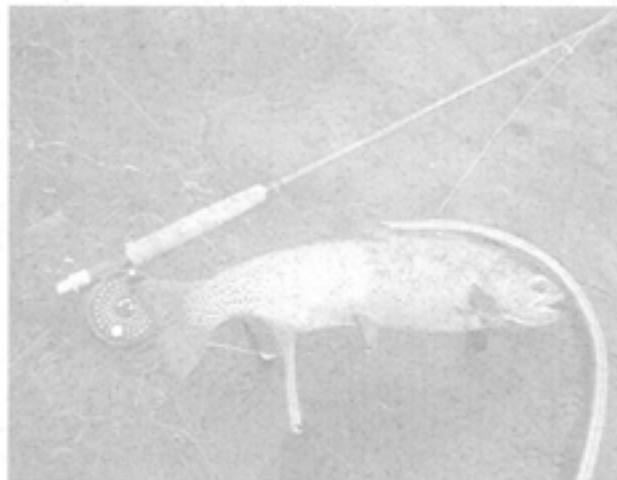
The gates of Island Park Dam reopened on the day after Christmas, and since then flows have ranged from 180 to nearly 250 cfs. It is difficult to overestimate the difference that much water makes to the Henry's Fork compared to the last two winters. Juvenile trout survival potential increases with every added cubic foot of flow. The battered class of 2003 has received a stay of execution, and now adult rainbow trout are spawning from Island Park Dam down through Harriman State Park and below. The increased flows will help them to get the 2004 year class off to a good start.

We gambled with the weather, hoping that temperatures would stay mild through Christmas and that snow would fall. On December 2, none of us could foresee just how well our gamble would pay off. On Christmas eve a major snowstorm hit eastern Idaho, and temperatures dropped. For many weeks through the winter both the snow water equivalent for the Henry's Fork watershed and the precipitation were well over 100 percent of average. However, as I write this we are in a dry period that is rapidly eroding the gains that we enjoyed earlier in the winter. Now, with the spring spawn in full swing the importance of the flow guarantees of December 2 can be fully appreciated.

We are also greatly encouraged by the fact that our radio-tagged trout are surviving with remarkable tenacity. We tagged forty adult rainbows in late October. One of those fish died within the first week, and three more have died since. The remaining fish are all alive, distributed from Pinchaven to the pool at the foot of Island Park Dam. They have weathered low flows and extreme cold, and some of them have been surprisingly active movers. As we continue our search for a permanent answer to the critical problem of flows and juvenile trout winter survival we can take some comfort in the knowledge that adult rainbows are apparently remarkably tough.

The Henry's Fork Foundation is vital to the health and future of the river. The process of coming to an agreement regarding winter flows began in September, when FMID first announced that the dam was going to be repaired and the Foundation proposed that some of the water stored while repairs were underway be used to augment winter releases from Island Park Reservoir. From that moment, through the organization and success of the fish rescue to the final flow decision to today, as we work through the drought management planning process and towards a permanent solution to the problem of winter flows, the Foundation has been true to its claim to be "the voice of the river." The successes of this fall rest on those of the past two decades.

We can all take pride in our accomplishments. ▼



Salt Lake City Reception

The annual reception for members and friends of the Henry's Fork Foundation took place on February 27 at the Willow Creek Country Club, Sandy, Utah. The event included a presentation by Executive Director Steve Trafton and a raffle drawing for a week in a private cabin on the banks of the Henry's Fork during the Green Drake hatch. The reception was a great success—thanks to everyone who attended.

The host committee this year included Bob and Margaret Arnold; Clark Arnold and Kay Berger; Rick and Janene Brown; Steve and Jared Butler; Evan Byers; Brent and Susan Cameron; Jim Carter and Jane Harrison; Tom Carter; John and Rebecca Champion; Paul Dremann; Henry and Flory Ellis; Whit Fosburgh; Luke Frazier; Freeway Advertising; Mike and Jenifer Gibbons; Dave and Becky Hall; Rick and Colleen Hansen; John and Vicky Hoagland; Mike and Kathy Lee; Peg Lindem; Ken and Carol Louder; Madison Valley Ranch; Maunsel and Ann Pearce; Gene and Sue Quinn; David Ream and Betsy Wolf; Lon and Zoe Richardson; Roberts-Emmitt Agency; Grant Schettler; Steve and Ann Schmidt; Simms Fishing Products; Sportsman's Warehouse; Bob and Gwen Springmeyer; Larry and Tracy Stevens; Sumner and Carol Swaner; James and Mary Jane Taylor; Dan and Barbara Todd; Trout Bum 2; M. Walker and Sue Wallace; Mike and Terese Walton. ▼

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- RESCUED THOUSANDS OF TROUT IN FALL 2003—JUST ONE OF COUNTLESS MOMENTS THAT THE HFF HAS BEEN ON CALL TO RESPOND TO AN EMERGENCY
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