



Organized in 1971, the Rogue Flyfishers seek to promote fellowship among individuals and groups to further interest in the sport, to improve angling techniques, and to educate members and the public in ways to preserve and improve natural resources, environment, and conditions for fishing in the Rogue Valley.

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Program information is not available at this time.
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President's Message

Well, it's another year. A year of new places to fish or fish the old places with new rods, new flies and new friends. You will also be going from a very educated, articulate president to, what can I say, another marine. Yes another, we had a good Marine Corp Colonel, but the sergeants did all the work. I know our board of directors will keep me in check.

There are some great outings planned, some conservation projects that I believe are new and some that are ongoing. We have an outstanding casting instructor in John MacDiarmid who is an IFFF certified casting instructor. We have some great fly tyers and tying instructors like Dave McCants and Dan Kellogg, among others.

Sometimes we have to remember that it's not all about steelhead (I do love them!). We have some great trout fishing in the Rogue River, but also within 1 ½ hours drive in any direction we have streams, rivers and lakes with a great variety of fishing. Six of the bums that I tie with on Tuesdays went to a pond last May and caught trout, bass, blue gill and crappie all day. What a blast!

I have to admit that I am enjoying the 'after-guiding' life where I can anchor up and watch birds for awhile. As your new president I have some ideas that I will run by the board and if they don't think I'm nuts (I think they all know I am) then I will run them by you. It is OUR club not mine.

Dave Roberts



SAVE THE DATE

RFF AUCTION AND DINNER = MAY 24TH (Wednesday Night)

PLACE: PADGHAM PAVILION AT THE JACKSON COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS.

TIME: 4:30 PM – APPROX. 9 PM

We are excited to announce that we will have a larger venue this year and a meal catered by Rosario's Restaurant. Dinner will be a \$25 Buffet. You may start reserving seats right after January 1st. We will be having a special drawing for the first 75 reservations. We will be opening up seating to the general public on March 1st. We have approximately 160-175 seats available at this time.

We are planning an expanded BUCKET RAFFLE, a large SILENT AUCTION arena, and lots of great options in our ORAL AUCTION. We are pleased to announce that Timari Cox as our Auctioneer. She and her crew did an outstanding job for us last year.

We are asking that you consider a monetary donation to help the club offset the fees for the Venue and Auctioneer.

If you can help please send a check made payable to **The Rogue Fly Fishers**, then mail it to:

The Rogue Fly Fishers PO.Box 4637, Medford, OR 97501

Please contact either Mike Masters or Don Dabney if you have an Auction Item that is New or slightly used that you would like to donate for the auction

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More information will be coming forth at the January Club Meeting

Jordan Cove update

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) just decided to uphold their original decision and DENY the Jordan Cove Export Terminal and the Pacific Connector Pipeline!

Back in March, FERC denied the Jordan Cove LNG Export Facility and the Pacific Connector Pipeline because the risks to communities and landowners did not outweigh the benefits. In a ruling issued just a few hours ago, FERC upheld their decision!

In their decision, they said that they have given the pipeline company ample time to demonstrate that there is a significant need for the project, and Pacific Connector has not been able to do that.

We know that it is important we stay vigilant, as Jordan Cove and Pacific Connector Pipeline will likely take this decision to the courts. But for now, let's celebrate all of the amazing community organizing and work that has been done over the past 10 years to stop this project. When we organize, when we come together to protect our communities, our rivers, our climate, we win.

We are closer than ever to stopping this project once and for all!

We will let you know next steps soon, but for now, all I can say is WHOOOOOHOOOOOOOOOO!

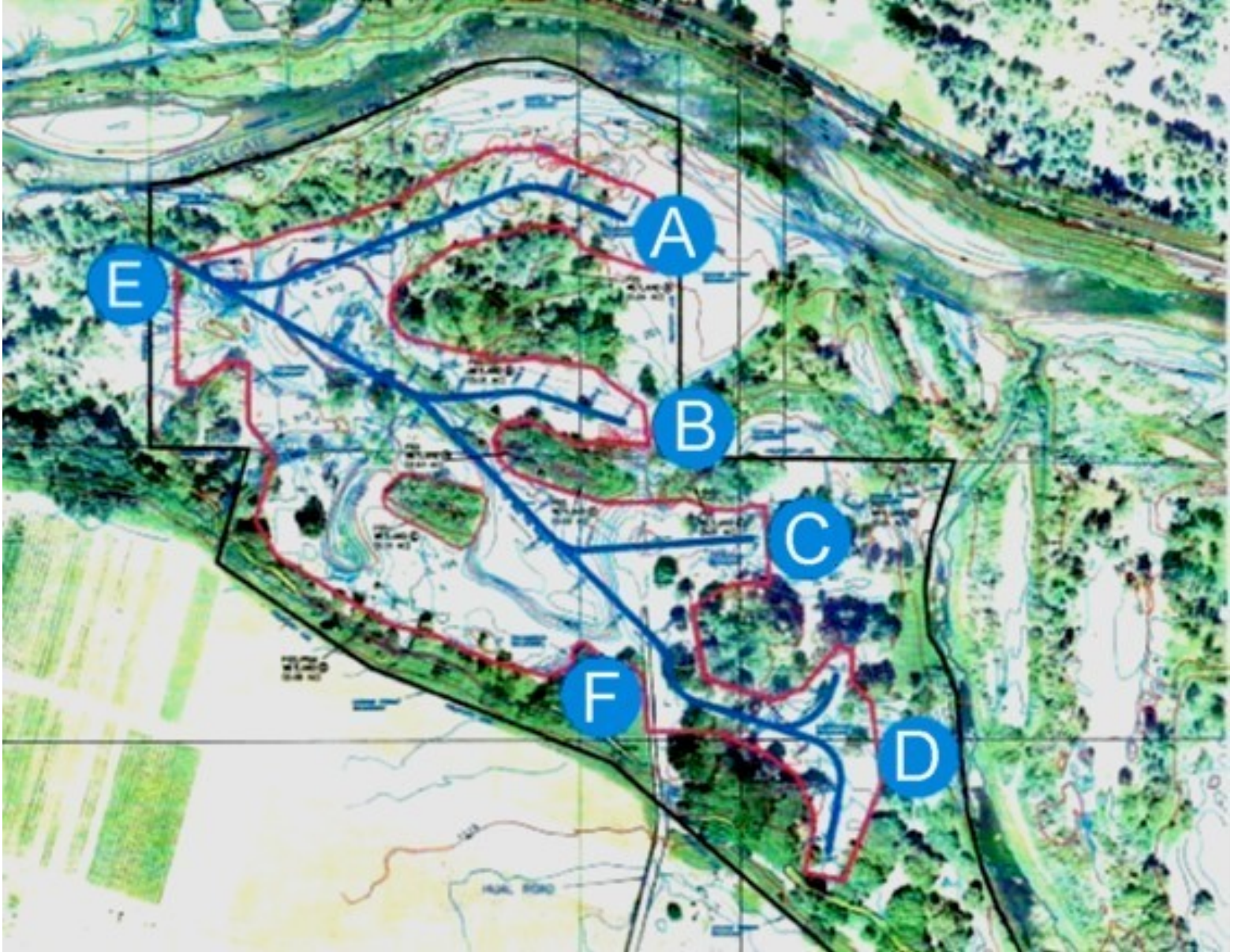
352 ACRE ROGUE RIVER FRONT RANCH PURCHASE FUNDS RAISED

“WE DID IT!” was the headline on a postcard the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy sent out the last week of December. The post card was sent out to all that contributed to the cause. The Conservancy raised \$3.5 million+ to purchase the property for \$2.4 million and have \$1.1 million in trust to maintain it. The property has been in the Ruhl-MacArthur family since the 1930s. Rather than sell it on the open market for the appraised price of \$3 million, the family agreed to sell the property assessed at \$3 million to the conservancy for \$2.5 million. The Conservancy had till the end of 2016 to raise the money. Members of Rogue Fly Fishers can take pride in their individual contributions and the \$2,000 contribution by the club. Other than one small river front house built in the 1920s, the 352 acres is completely undisturbed. According to the Jan. 8, 2017 Mail Tribune, the ranch has been identified as the second-largest intact riparian forest along the upper 100 miles of the Rogue. Including the large island on the property, the ranch has 2 miles of river frontage. Plans are underway to finalize the purchase and study the level of access and use with the parallel goal of preservation. A large photo map of the property will be set up at the January club meeting.

HOO RAH !! HYDE BAR RECLAMATION PLAN WORKS !!

For years Oregon gravel mines near rivers and streams were “captured” by flood waters during major storms. Fish were stranded in former gravel pits and required costly netting and salvage in 5-gallon buckets for return to other waters.

About 9-years ago Frank Schnitzer, Mine Reclamation Specialist for Oregon’s Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries saw HYDE BAR as an opportunity to try something different: build a self-draining channel back into the flooded stream to avoid a hasty bucket brigade salvage, one providing off-stream refuge for fish from the flood waters. Frank worked with Copeland Sand & Gravel for a cooperative operating and reclamation plan. Based on 2016 results, the plan seems to be working. See the plan view below:

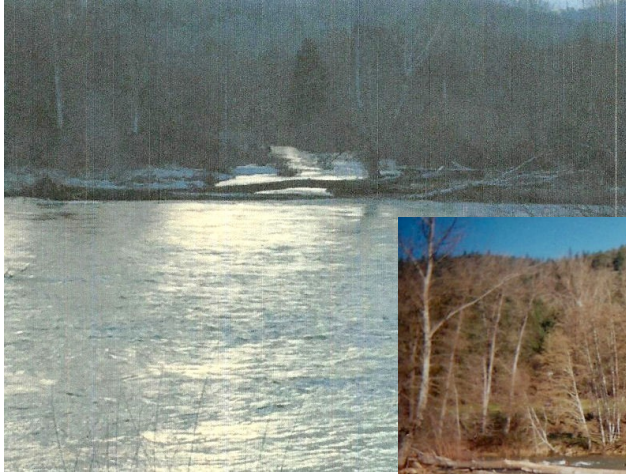


Applegate River flows right to left, bending around Hyde Bar bulge, Four fingers of a fielder’s glove (no thumb) labeled A, B, C, and D were excavated on a 10-to-1 inward slope on each finger and sloping palm, all draining to the wrist at point E. So far, OK. BUT point E was on Bob Hill’s property, not Copeland’s so the project became a bath tub without an outlet. In 2011 or 2012, water pooled and over-topped the plug at point E; some drainage began across Hill’s land.



A) In October 2016 the Applegate River over-topped the north bank of the Hyde Bar site as shown in the image below, and flowed into channel A. Near the entry point, the inflow was about 5-feet wide and perhaps 6-inches deep. The individuals in the photo are Jakob Shockey, APWC on left, and Steve Rouse, SAVE on right. At some point Jay Doino and Pete Sampras, ODFW Fish Biologists observed smolts in the pool which covered perhaps 2 acres.

B,C,D) On November 15, 2016 major storms dramatically increased flow in the Applegate River which peaked a 7,000 cfs. At this flow Steve Rouse documented large wood where the Applegate broadly avulsed onto Hyde Bar in a photo taken from North Applegate River Road. Geoff Becker, APWC and John Ward, RFF toured the site Dec. 22 and documented three large alder or cottonwood trees still in place spanning the avulsion which was about 12-feet wide and perhaps 18-inches deep. Out flow from Hyde Bar earlier that day was about 12-feet wide and over a foot deep.



E,F) Geoff Becker and John Ward returned Dec. 29, 2016 properly equipped to clip, cut, saw a vegetation tangle, and measure water depth along the channel. The goal was to cut thru any vegetation to follow Hyde Bar outflow and reach Applegate River. The photo shows Geoff Becker facing up-channel in his now passable corridor for 150 yards from the Hyde Bar outlet to confluence with the Applegate River. The second photo shows Geoff about 6-feet upstream of where the outfall drops 6-inches into the river. HOO RAH !! Frank Schnitzer's plan worked!



January Outing--Winter Steelhead on the Lower Rogue

For fly anglers in the Pacific Northwest, fishing in January usually means targeting winter steelhead. Unfortunately for us in the Rogue Valley, few winter steelhead have typically reached our section of the River. If we want to find good numbers of fish, we must head for the coast. For our outing on January 28 and 29, we will do just that—we will go to the lower Rogue River near Gold Beach.

On Saturday, the 28th, we will meet for breakfast at 8:00 AM at the Indian Creek Cafe located a short distance upstream of Hwy 101 on the south side of the Rogue River (94682 Jerry's Flat Road). If you don't want to eat breakfast, join us there by 9:00 AM.

The lower Rogue offers plenty of good opportunities for bank anglers. Many of the large gravel bars are publicly owned and easy to access. For those that want to bring a boat, drift boats, pontoon boats, jet boats, and even prop boats, if you are careful, can be used to reach good locations that lack road access.

The lower Rogue is a big river with large gravel bars and long runs well suited to swinging flies with long rods, so seven to eight-weight Spey or switch rods paired with Skagit heads and an assortment of tips would be ideal for this outing. If you don't have a Spey or switch rod, don't worry, the steelhead usually travel close to shore, so single-handed rods, of similar weight, with sink-tip lines or sinking shooting heads also will work. Bring 10 to 15-lb tippet material and an assortment of flies--from traditional steelhead patterns, to egg-sucking leeches, to intruders. Black or purple flies with a bit of bright color mixed in often work well. If you prefer to dead-drift egg patterns or nymphs, you can do that too. Pack your waders and rain gear as well.

Gold Beach has a good variety of lodging and dining options, and there are several RV parks and campgrounds along the river. You can find more information at www.goldbeach.org.

There are a variety of other fishing options in the area. If you want to try a smaller stream, Hunter Creek and Pistol River have good runs of winter steelhead.

Due to the uncertainty of river conditions during the winter, be sure to check the club's website before you leave for the outing to see if we had to make any last-minute changes.

David Haight, Outings Chair



David Haight shows off a chrome-bright steelhead he caught during last January's outing to the lower Rogue River.

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Renew in December for the following year.

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