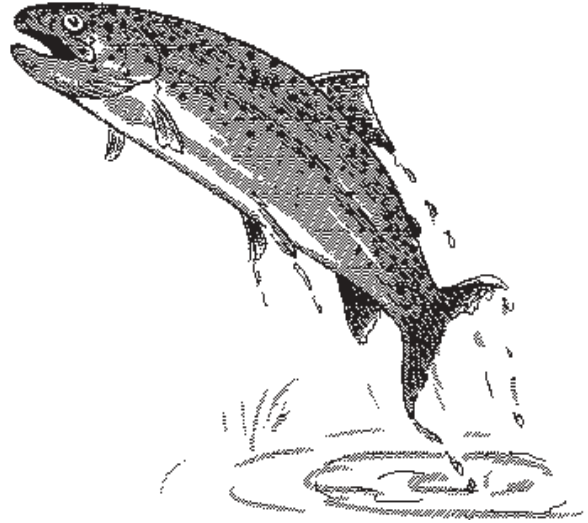


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# The Evergreen Trout



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President's Drag Free Drift

**Hope everybody had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

Our John Fielder Program was a great success, with over 200 in attendance. The venue, United Methodist Church of Evergreen, turned out to be ideal. John was at his best with a new book and awesome photographs and anecdotes. We had plenty of food, a silent auction, and just an all around good time. I want to thank our major sponsors Beau Jo's Pizza, the Canyon Courier, and everybody who donated to the silent auction. I want to give a special thanks to Randi and Steve Murray for getting everything set-up with the church, the food, and practically everything that it takes to put on one of these events. We need more volunteers like you!

The Holiday Party was also a success. A big thanks to Dick Wheeler for opening up his home for our party. There was plenty of food and drink, and we had a bucket raffle with an enormous amount of goodies.

I also had the privilege, that evening, of presenting the **ETU Person of the Year Award to Steve Murray**. Steve has shown outstanding leadership, volunteerism, and just plain "get it done" attitude. For you who do not know Steve, he has been our Treasurer for some time now. He was instrumental in getting all the numbers/paperwork done for our O'Fallen Project. He shows up for almost all of our events, many times with his lovely wife **Randi and their sons Andrew and Elias**. This award needed to go to the whole family. I made Steve a custom fly box and some of our members donated flies. I think we were actually able to surprise him. I played a trick and got him to bring flies for his own award.

NOW 2006!

We are going to try to continue to have beginners fly tying before each general meeting starting at 6:00p. We are, however, looking for somebody to step-up and be the leader. Call me if you're interested. All that is required is to make sure that we have some fly tiers at each meeting to help with instruction. If you would like to be one of the tiers, give me a call. It takes about 45 minutes before the meeting, and you do not have to be an expert.

Later in the newsletter there will be a list of the 2005 volunteers. If you volunteered and your name is not on this list, please e-mail or give me a call. We tried to identify everybody. This list is going to be used for the free days at Buchanan Ponds. If you are on the list for 2005, or you volunteer in 2006, you will be able to take advantage of the free days this year. If you do not volunteer in 2006 you will be dropped from the list for 2007. I hope this is clear. The list will be updated monthly and will be at the Buchanan Rec. Dist. check-in.

On January 21st from 2:00p - 4:00p, ETU will hold a fly tying for fun event, in the back room of the Blue Quill. Some of our members have volunteered to set-up and tie their favorite flies. You may participate, ask questions, kibitz, or bring your own equipment and show off your tying skills. Do not be intimidated, because most of us are not experts. They are even letting me tie some foam patterns (now that's scary). Jim Cannon is providing us with the space and maybe we can talk him into tying some of his special patterns too. John Haile is responsible for putting this together, so if you want more information or to RSVP contact John at 679-3262 or johnhaile@aol.com. Come out and have fun. If this works out we will continue having them on a monthly basis, all willing.

The board decided not to do any major fund-raisers this year. We will still sell shirts and hats, and maybe hold a quickie auction or two at the general meetings. There is also a plan to do a raffle in the Fall. These are to offset our costs to run the chapter. Our major monthly expense is the newsletter. I am asking for our members to receive the newsletter via e-mail instead of hard copy via snail mail. I realize some of you do not have access to e-mail and we will continue to send the newsletter. We currently mail out ~400 copies a month, and I know that at least two thirds of these could be sent via e-mail. This could be a way of helping the chapter with its expenses. Please give it a thought. A quick note to the Editor is all it takes.

We are pleased to have Ron Belak as our presenter this month. He always entertains us with his photos and good humor. In February Pat Dorsey will be at our meeting with his new book and PowerPoint presentation. This is one of the best you will see.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

Hal

The Evergreen Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets the third Wednesday of the month at Beau Jo's Pizzeria in downtown Evergreen (across from the Little Bear). Join us for Dinner/Chapter Business/Classes at 6:00pm followed by the program at ~7:30pm. We look forward to seeing **YOU** there!

## 2006 Board Planning Meeting

The O'Fallon park project has been declared complete except for a delayed final production of the video documenting the restoration. Once available, copies of the video will be distributed to the major organizations and agencies that were involved in the project. The board is compiling a distribution list.

It was agreed that the fly tying sessions before our monthly chapter meetings last year were well received. For the sessions to continue in 2006, a volunteer will be needed to coordinate the activity and to line up folks to demonstrate and/or instruct fly tying techniques.

As mentioned in past newsletters, in 2006 the free fishing days at Buchanan Pond will be limited to ETU members who actively volunteer in one or more ETU projects/events during the year. Project leaders will maintain volunteer lists that will be merged into a master list to be shared with the recreation center.

At the end of 2005, Hal Garwood and Len Wheaton met in a very cooperative session with the new principal at the Mount Evans Outdoor Lab. We received good feedback on our volunteer participation at the OELS open house in the fall. And regarding ETU's fly tying instructional program, the school is planning to remove the aquariums, making more room available; and a new locking supply cabinet is being ordered for the fly tying materials.

John Haile has stepped up to coordinate ETU's efforts regarding Bear Creek water quality, fish counts, and temperatures. John has been working with the various agencies in an effort to promote ETU's position to keep intact EPA's listing of the stream as impaired.

Final reporting on the John Fielder presentation was made. The event was very well received and resulted in net income to the ETU chapter of nearly \$3500.

The board had a lengthy discussion about newsletter expenses. While the board agreed the newsletter is essential for communicating with the membership, it is searching for ways to control the costs of production and distribution. It was agreed to urge as many members as possible to sign up for the electronic version of the newsletter, to identify those who prefer not to receive it, and to ask the membership for donations to defray ever-increasing costs to produce and mail the printed version.

Money making projects for 2006 were discussed. It was agreed that ETU will conduct at least one raffle this year. Details will be addressed in future board meetings.

The board discussed ideas about a new stream restoration project. It was agreed to schedule a meeting to walk portions of Bear Creek to better identify candidate stretches for our next project.

Tim Stechert

## The 'Electric' Evergreen Trout

Hey folks, get your newsletter the easy way. The Evergreen Trout is available via e-mail! It's a simple and painless process. Really! Just e-mail your request for an electronic copy (in Adobe .pdf format -- requires the FREE Adobe Acrobat Reader) to me, troutguy@speedtrail.net, and I'll get you on the 'E' list.

Currently about 25% of our members receive their newsletter this way. Let's see if we can increase that number. Every electronic copy saves the chapter more than \$6/year. And it's in **COLOR!** These savings add up fast, since we "snail mail" about 400 copies per month. To take the Electric Evergreen Trout out for a test drive, visit our web site -- [www.evergreentrout.org](http://www.evergreentrout.org) -- and take a look at a past issue. If you like it (and I think you will), sign up!

Tim Haller

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### Fly Tying For Everyone

Want to brush up on your fly tying skills? Or maybe just spend a couple of hours with some ETU buddies talking fishing and tying flies? Thanks to the folks at the Blue Quill who have offered the use of their back room, ETU will experiment with an open fly tying session from 2 to 4 on Saturday afternoon January 21st. That's the Saturday after our January meeting.

The deal is this: Bring your own gear and whatever else. The Quill is providing the space and will be open if anyone needs to buy any supplies.

There is no charge. I repeat, **NO CHARGE.** We're planning to start with a few of the better tiers demonstrating for the rest of us, and we already have four or five folks who have volunteered to demo their hottest flies and lead us through the tying process. This is also a chance to get answers to your questions and help solving tying problems.

This is for all skill levels, from the very beginner to the very best. The value will be in exchanging ideas and learning from each other. It will be a great chance to restock your fly box before Spring.

Depending on what everyone wants to do, we may even try a fly exchange so everyone goes home with an assortment of each other's best from the afternoon.

Those who show up can decide whether they want to set up a second session. It could be every Saturday until the weather warms up, or maybe every other Saturday. Could be that one time will be enough. We'll see how it plays out. I have to think it beats ice fishing. And we probably can even get a TV in there if a good game is on.

If you're interested, contact me at 679-3262 or [johnhaile@aol.com](mailto:johnhaile@aol.com), just so we have an idea of who's coming and what kind of snacks to have on hand.

John Haile



### 2005 Volunteer List

Here is the 2005 volunteer list that we have compiled so far. If your name is not on this list and you feel that it should be, please contact Hal Garwood.

Ron Belak, John Bozis, Michelle Chapman, Karen Christopherson, Mike Coyner, Mila Coyner, Darragh Donnelly, Maren Donnelly, Larry Drury, Anna Dumn, John Ellis, Sherry Ellis, Craig Farthing, Doug Fox, Troy Fox, Hugh Gardner, Hal Garwood, Sandi Garwood, Mike Goldblatt, John Haile, Tim Haller, Al Himmelman, Jan Himmelman, Abby Houk, Zeke Houk, Randy Huiting, John Klitske, Wayne Kosloske, John Langan, Peggy Linn, Tom Lockwood, Susan McCord, Andrew Murray, Elias Murray, Randi Murray, Steve Murray, Ford Oliphant, Paul Regan, Rich Reynolds, Bill Richardson, Gary Rotolo, Jim Ryan, Justin Ryan, Chris Schauder, Ross Seline, Kent Simon, Tim Stechert, Jim Thompson, Karen Thompson, Troy Thompson, Chris Tindall, Jean Tindall, Dave Underwood, Joan Underwood, Phil Waters, Sandy Waters, Anita Wheaton, Len Wheaton, Dick Wheeler, Ken Wilbert, Jim Wilborn, Susan Wilcox.

## ETU Continues Fight To Protect Bear Creek

Once again, Evergreen Trout Unlimited has asked the state Water Quality Control Commission to list Bear Creek as an "impaired water" under the EPA 303(d) guidelines because data collected along the stream continues to show that the stream has not recovered from damage suffered several years ago.

Specifically, ETU points out that while the number of fish has increased, the total weight of fish -- both Brown Trout and Rainbows -- in the stream from Evergreen Lake to Lair O' The Bear Park has actually declined over the past three years. This is based on fish counts conducted by the Division of Wildlife and includes the only sampling sites for which there has been consistent data collection.

The overall weight of the fish -- the biomass -- is used to judge the health of the stream because it reflects the amount of other aquatic life in the stream and the fish's ability to thrive in the stream's waters.

The Brown Trout population, which is considered the most accurate measurement since these fish are not stocked in Bear Creek, shows an increase in number of fish but virtually the same overall weight for both adult browns (those greater than about 4 1/2") and all browns. For some reason, too, the upper part of the stream -- the section from the dam down through O'Fallon Park -- seems to be recovering even more slowly than the rest of the stream.

For Browns and Rainbows at the three sampling sites, their overall weight is less than half what it was in 2000. For Brown Trout alone, it's just about half. This is particularly significant when assessing the health of the stream and whether it is achieving its potential.

ETU also points out in its filing that while there were no periods in 2005 when temperatures in the stream exceeded the state's limit of 20° C average over a 7-day period, there nevertheless were many, consecutive days when the temperature was above 20° C for several hours. This is significant because 2005 was a fairly normal year for both temperature and precipitation, meaning slight variances could easily push the in-stream temperatures over the limits.

We also expressed our concern that so little effort is focused on finding solutions to Bear Creek's problems. While great attention is being paid to monitoring the stream, there still seems little interest in long-term solutions. ETU's own project in O'Fallon Park to improve the stream and provide shade has been the most significant long-term stream enhancement.

ETU made essentially these same arguments before the WQCC in 2004. Then, after the state initially decided against listing the stream, the EPA last spring ultimately overruled the WQCC and ordered Bear Creek placed on the state's list of "impaired" streams. That process is now starting over again.

The ETU board voted late last year to file as a party in the hearing and has been joined by Colorado Trout Unlimited. The state is again proposing simply to list Bear Creek for "monitoring and evaluation." ETU's petition again asks that the stream be listed as "impaired" since it does not fulfill its aquatic use potential.

Troy Thompson, Karen Christopherson and I are representing ETU. ETU will be present for a preliminary conference on January 11th. The formal hearing on the proposals is February 13th. The WQCC then reviews all the testimony before issuing its decision, a process that can take some time. Even then, that decision is again subject to review by the EPA. John Haile

## January Program

Join us on Wednesday, January 18th for Ron Belak's lighthearted presentation "Best of 2004-2005." Ron is a long-time ETU member and a local writer and photographer whose work has appeared in Colorado Outdoors, American Angler, and Fly Fisherman magazines. Ron has combed the 2,000+ photos he took over the past 2 years, selected his best, and arranged them in a seasonal format that has been immensely popular with ETU over the years. Join Ron as he fishes ice-out in the Flat Tops and West Elk Wilderness, explores the nearby Gore Range, and roams the Sawtooths of Idaho and the high Sierras of California. Learn about silver salmon on Alaska's Kenai Peninsula, the microhalibut of Prince William Sound, and the vast tundra of Denali National Park. Expect a slide show with magnificent scenery, beefy fish, beautiful wildlife, and tall tales.

Randy Huiting

## I Wish I'd Said That...

*"And angling too, that solitary vice, What Izaak Walton sings or says: The quaint, old, cruel coxcomb, in his gullet Should have a hook, and a small trout to pull it." ~ Lord Byron*

*"There is only one theory about angling in which I have perfect confidence, and this is that the two words, least appropriate to any statement, about it, are the words "always" and "never." ~ Lord Edward Grey*

*"Catch and Release fishing is a lot like golf. You don't have to eat the ball to have a good time." ~ Anonymous*

*"The difference between fly fishers and worm dunkers is the quality of their excuses." ~ Anonymous*

*"Only an extraordinary person would purposely risk being outsmarted by a creature often less than twelve inches long, over and over again." ~ Janna Bialek*

*"For the supreme test of a fisherman is not how many fish he has caught, not even how he has caught them, but what he has caught when he has caught no fish." ~ John H. Bradley*

*"There's no taking trout with dry breeches." ~ Miguel de Cervantes*

*"Creeps and idiots cannot conceal themselves for long on a fishing trip." ~ John Gierach*

*"I am not against golf, since I cannot but suspect it keeps armies of the unworthy from discovering trout." ~ Paul O'Neil*

*"And finally, I fish not because I regard fishing as being terribly important, but because I suspect that so many of the other concerns of men are equally unimportant, and not nearly so much fun." ~ John Volker*

*"Scholars have long known that fishing eventually turns men into philosophers. Unfortunately, it is almost impossible to buy decent tackle on a philosopher's salary." ~ Patrick McManus*

## Kudos...

...to **Hal Garwood, Randy Huiting, John Haile, and Ken and Michelle Wilbert** for their help with the newsletter.

...to **Master Printers Inc. of Evergreen** for copying and folding.

Ed.

## DOW Introduces Colorado Wildlife Habitat Stamp

The Colorado Division of Wildlife (DOW) will begin a new program in 2006 that will help raise money in an effort to protect habitat for Colorado's wildlife for years to come. The Colorado Wildlife Habitat Stamp Program is expected to raise \$2.3 million next year through the sale of a variety of stamps, which will be dedicated to the protection of wildlife habitat.

The Habitat Stamp concept was developed by concerned hunters, anglers and conservation organizations, and supported by the Colorado State Legislature.

"This program was created by the people in Colorado who care enough about our wildlife to preserve it into the future," said Tim Holeman, Chief of Public Affairs for the DOW. "This grassroots approach will not only help ensure the success of the program, but also create a new chapter in Colorado's conservation story where the nonhunting and nonfishing public is coming forward and participating in protecting the future of wildlife."

The money will be raised through the sale of a \$5 mandatory habitat stamp purchased by hunters and anglers for the first two licenses they purchase during each calendar year. The maximum that sportsmen will be required to spend on Habitat Stamps is \$10 a year.

Anyone who uses a state wildlife area and who does not have a hunting or fishing license will be required to purchase a \$10 habitat stamp to legally gain access to these properties.

Habitat stamps are free to those who are under 19 and over 65. Stamps are also free for the mobility impaired, military hospital patients and Colorado residents who are active duty military personnel stationed outside of Colorado, but on leave in Colorado. There is a lifetime habitat stamp available for \$200.

The DOW wants the Habitat Stamp Program to go beyond just hunters and anglers in the state.

"We envision that stamps will also be purchased by those in the public who are concerned about, or just enjoy, the state's wildlife," said Holeman. "Sportsmen have been paying the majority of the tab when it comes to protecting wildlife since the conservation movement began. Through this program, we are now offering a way that others can join the effort and do their part to help ensure that Colorado's tremendous wildlife resources remain for generations to come."

A citizen's committee will be appointed by the governor to review projects and make funding recommendations to the director of the DOW and the Colorado Wildlife Commission. The committee will consist of four sportsmen, two conservation organization representatives, two landowners actively engaged in agriculture, one citizen at large, and two non-voting representatives from the DOW.

Until 2010, 60 percent of the money collected must be spent on big game winter range and big game migration corridors. The remaining money will be used on other habitat types critical to animal species in Colorado, including wetlands, riparian, shortgrass prairie and forest land projects.

The big game allocation will not short-change other wildlife in the state, according to Tom Nesler, chief

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conservation biologist for the DOW. He explained that big game habitat also is critical to many other species in Colorado.

"There are many other species that are supported by this type of habitat," said Nesler. "Bears, mountain lions, hawks, eagles, and a variety of grouse and small mammal species thrive in that particular habitat. Protecting big game habitat will go well beyond just helping the deer and elk herds in the state."

Stamps can be purchased wherever hunting or fishing licenses are sold, as well as on the DOW's Web site at [http://wildlife.state.co.us/licensefee/habitat\\_stamp.asp](http://wildlife.state.co.us/licensefee/habitat_stamp.asp), and by phone at (800) 244-5613 (these licenses will not be available for purchase at State Wildlife Areas). Because the Habitat Stamp is not an actual stamp, but rather an authorization to visit state wildlife areas, the Colorado Wildlife Heritage Foundation is issuing an annual "commemorative" stamp for \$10. The commemorative stamp will be available January 26th and can be purchased initially through the Colorado Wildlife Heritage Foundation (CWHF) at (303) 291-7212 or on the CWHF Web site at [www.coloradowildlifefoundation.org](http://www.coloradowildlifefoundation.org). Limited edition prints of the winning artwork are also available through the CWHF.

Every year there will be a contest to decide the artwork to be reproduced for the collector's version of the stamp. This art will depict one of Colorado's animal species in its native habitat. For collectors, there will be a special version of the stamp available. The collector's edition stamp is a gum-backed stamp with the image of the artwork chosen that year. The collector's version of the stamp and prints of the artwork are available through the CWHF. These stamps are offered as art and as a way for nonsportsmen to contribute to wildlife in Colorado. These stamps are not valid for entry into State Wildlife Areas or for hunting and/or fishing licenses.

The 2006 Habitat Stamp art contest features a painting of a mule deer buck lying in sagebrush by Jeffrey Klinefelter titled "Intermountain Muley."

*DOW Insider - 12/28/05*

## Sportsmans Expo Volunteers Needed

As in past years, CTU (sponsored by Denver Chapter TU -- formerly the Wild Trout Chapter) will have a booth at both the Fly Fishing and ISE shows in January. But this year, we have an extra opportunity with ISE focused on kids -- we've been invited to have a fly tying station in their special youth section of the show (Colorado Family Outdoors Pavilion)! This is a great opportunity to take the super work with youth fly tying that Charlie Nelson and West Denver have done in past years, and grow the program to reach more kids through this focused youth section of the show that ISE has created. To make this effort a success though, we need to make sure we can man the station throughout the show and especially on the weekend when we expect peak traffic of families with kids. Do you think you can volunteer a couple of hours to help with this effort? Show hours are noon-8pm Thursday and Friday, 10am-8pm Saturday, and 10am-5pm Sunday. We will ensure that your admission is covered, so you can enjoy the show before or after your shift at the youth fly tying station.

Please contact David Nickum - (303) 440-2937 or [dnickum@tu.org](mailto:dnickum@tu.org) if you can help. Thanks!

CTU

### 2005 A Good Year For Trout In Colorado

Dear Colorado Trout Unlimited members and anglers across the state,

As we near the end of 2005, I would like to share with you some of what we (our chapters, the Colorado State council and National TU ) accomplished together this year.

First of all, we had the dedication for two large chapter projects, namely the Cheesman Canyon Restoration Project and the Bear Creek Stream Improvement Project at O'Fallon Park. I commend the Cutthroat, Cheyenne Mountain and Evergreen chapters for their commitment and hard work. Cheyenne Mountain also had an innovative project called "Trees for Trout" where they took trees from the Hayman fire and used them for fish habitat improvement in Elevenmile Canyon.

We defeated the AB Lateral Hydropower Project, a proposed hydroelectric power plant which could have taken more than 1,000 cfs of water from the Gunnison River. This defeat eliminated a serious threat to the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and the world-class trout fishery in the Gunnison Gorge.

At the State Capitol, we helped secure passage of bills to promote water conservation, enhance instream flow protection programs, and bolster funding for fish and wildlife management -- while successfully defeating efforts to weaken local land use protections and consign recreational water rights to "second class" status.

With the Water Quality Control Commission, we helped win adoption of rules that will require oil and gas development to address the same storm water discharge regulations that apply to other land development, which will help reduce sedimentation into streams in areas with oil and gas development.

We have helped build awareness of the challenges facing the Colorado River headwaters including the Fraser River, which was recently named one of America's "most endangered". Diversions are its biggest threat and Denver Water has plans to increase their diversions by another 10,000 acre feet from the Fraser.

We built the framework for a new strategic plan to help strengthen CTU in our conservation work and organizationally over the next five years.

We introduced 700 cub scouts and their parents to Trout Unlimited through fishing, entomology and fly tying in May at the Peaceful Valley Boy Scout Camp in Elbert, CO.

In addition to the above, we hosted the National TU annual meeting and held our second annual statewide river cleanup. We cleaned 15 rivers with hundreds of volunteers.

We continue to need your generous support and volunteer time to keep us as the leader in coldwater conservation as we move forward into 2006.

Thank you!

Sharon Lance, CTU President

### Report: Colorado Roadless Areas Important

A new report produced by Trout Unlimited and released on [1/4/06] emphasizes the strong connection between successful hunting and fishing in Colorado and healthy roadless areas in the state.

"There's no question that roadless areas are the key to preserving Colorado's hunting and fishing heritage," said Brian O'Donnell, director of TU's Public Lands Initiative. "This report provides vital data that should be very useful as Colorado works to determine the future of its roadless areas."

According to the report, all three of Colorado's native cutthroat trout species depend heavily on roadless areas for habitat and survival. For instance, 76 percent of present-day greenback cutthroat trout habitat flows through roadless areas. Also, the bulk of Rio Grande and Colorado River cutthroat habitat is in waters flowing through roadless areas (58 percent and 71 percent respectively).

"For anglers, some of the best fishing experiences we have in Colorado occur when we're able to access the backcountry and not have to worry about being crowded out by others," said Colorado Trout Unlimited President Sharon Lance. "Roadless lands not only provide refuge for fish, but also for anglers looking to pursue them in wild country. If we allow further development of these areas, we risk trashing some of the best fish habitat and angling destinations in the state."

Roadless areas are equally important to big game and Colorado big-game hunters, the report notes. For example, 41 percent of all land in the state that yields the highest number of trophy mule deer bucks is roadless. For elk hunters, the importance of roadless land is apparently obvious to the hunting community -- of the 15 most-hunted game-management units in the state, 14 contain at least 66,000 acres of or roadless acres, and 12 have more than 100,000 backcountry acres.

"Hunters have figured out where the elk and deer are, and they're wisely taking advantage of these roadless lands," said John Ellenberger, former big-game manager for the Colorado Division of Wildlife. "Not only is hunter success greater on roadless lands, but these lands provide summer feeding and nursery grounds to ensure we'll have good hunting come fall. The more we encroach on roadless lands, the more pressure we put on elk and deer in Colorado to find new habitat. They'll eventually be pushed off of public land onto private land, and we'll be forced to reduce game populations as a result. The more this happens, the harder it becomes to find quality hunting."

Roadless lands also benefit the industries that cater to sportsmen in Colorado. According to Jim Bartschi, president of Scott Fly Rods in Montrose, Colorado anglers significantly impact his company's bottom line.

"We depend heavily on anglers in Colorado who purchase equipment, and Scott Fly Rods is not the only company in the fly fishing industry that looks to Colorado as a prime market for their goods," Bartschi said. "Having roadless lands available simply makes fishing better for our customers, and that's very important."

In addition to highlighting the importance of roadless areas to angling and hunting success in the state, the report also focuses on a few key roadless areas and how future development would hinder fish and game habitat and, as a result, successful hunting and fishing. Many areas, like the Mamm Peak Roadless Area east of Grand Junction and HD Mountains Roadless Area near Durango face real threats from aggressive energy development. This development would result in roads, well pads, collection pipes, all of which bisect game habitat and present potential problems to fish habitat thanks to erosion and pollution.

"For sportsmen, roadless preservation should be atop their list of concerns when it comes to hunting and fishing in our state," O'Donnell said. "The more acreage we lose, the harder it becomes to find pristine backcountry hunting and fishing destinations with healthy native fish populations and big-game herds."

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??? What's Happening ???

January 2006

- 18th (W) **ETU Chapter Meeting**  
 6:00p Join us for pre-meeting fly tying  
 6:30p Dinner and chapter business  
 7:00p Ron Belak's Best of 2004/2005
- 21st (Sa) **Fly Tying for Everyone!**  
 In the back room at the Blue Quill Angler  
 2:00 - 4:00p RSVP to John Haile  
 BYO equipment and materials.
- 25th (W) **ETU Board Meeting**  
 Beau Jo's - 6:30p
- 26th (Th) **International Sportsmans Expo**  
 thru 29th (Su) Denver Convention Center  
 See pg. 4 for show hours

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- 16th (W) **ETU Chapter Meeting**  
 6:00p Join us for pre-meeting fly tying  
 6:30p Dinner and chapter business  
 7:00p Pat Dorsey - Blue Quill Angler  
 Fly Fishing the South Platte River
- 23rd (W) **ETU Board Meeting**  
 Beau Jo's - 6:30p

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You know who you are. Unfortunately, due to technical difficulties at NTU, we don't. Welcome to the Evergreen Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Hope to meet you soon!  
 Randy Huiting

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