

April 7, 2009

TO: Henry's Fork Watershed Council
FROM: Steve Trafton, Dale Swensen and Susan Steinman, Cofacilitators
RE: **April 21st Council Meeting**

This month's meeting of the Council will focus on fisheries research and land protection efforts in the Fall River watershed (presentations by staff from the Henry's Fork Foundation and the Teton Regional Land Trust), as well as the future of transportation in the growing Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem - "connecting the dots" (presentation by the Yellowstone Business Partnership). The meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 21, at the Best Western Inn in Rexburg (formerly the Cottontree Inn, now the Mountain View Inn). We will start at 9:00.

A year ago, Jim De Rito of the Henry's Fork Foundation presented to the Council a proposed Foundation project to assess the irrigation diversion systems of the lower Henry's Fork and the Fall River in relation to fish passage and fish populations in those rivers. A similar presentation was made to representatives of the irrigation community, and the project was carried out, with a concentration on the Fall River, in the summer and fall of 2008. Jim De Rito and Anne Marie Emery-Miller of the Foundation will present the results of their work at the April Council meeting.

The Teton Regional Land Trust is working to protect a critical section of the upper Fall River, land that provides habitat for a wide array of flora and fauna and important riparian habitat along the river itself. This is a fleeting opportunity to preserve a vital piece of Fremont County; the Land Trust has only a few months to complete the project before their funding opportunity expires. Conrad Kramer and Matt Lucia will present the details of the project to the Council.

Finally, Jan Brown of the Yellowstone Business Partnership will join us to discuss a feasibility study for a Yellowstone-Teton Regional Transportation System. The study will explore the possibility of organizing a cooperative that will bring together public transportation services into a network to meet the needs of visitors and others in the area.

AGENDA

HENRY'S FORK WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING

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| 8:30 – 9:00 | Sign-in. |
| 9:00 - 9:15 | Introductions and community-building. |
| 9:15 – 10:00 | Jim De Rito and Anne Marie Miller from the Henry's Fork Foundation, Lower Henry's Fork Fish Passage Assessment report. |
| 10:00 – 10:45 | Conrad Kramer and Matt Lucia, Teton Regional Land Trust, Initiative for Protecting the Fall River. |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | BREAK |
| 11:00 – 11:45 | Jan Brown, Yellowstone Business Partnership, Yellowstone-Teton Regional Transportation System. |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | Community building. |
| 12:00 noon | Adjourn. |