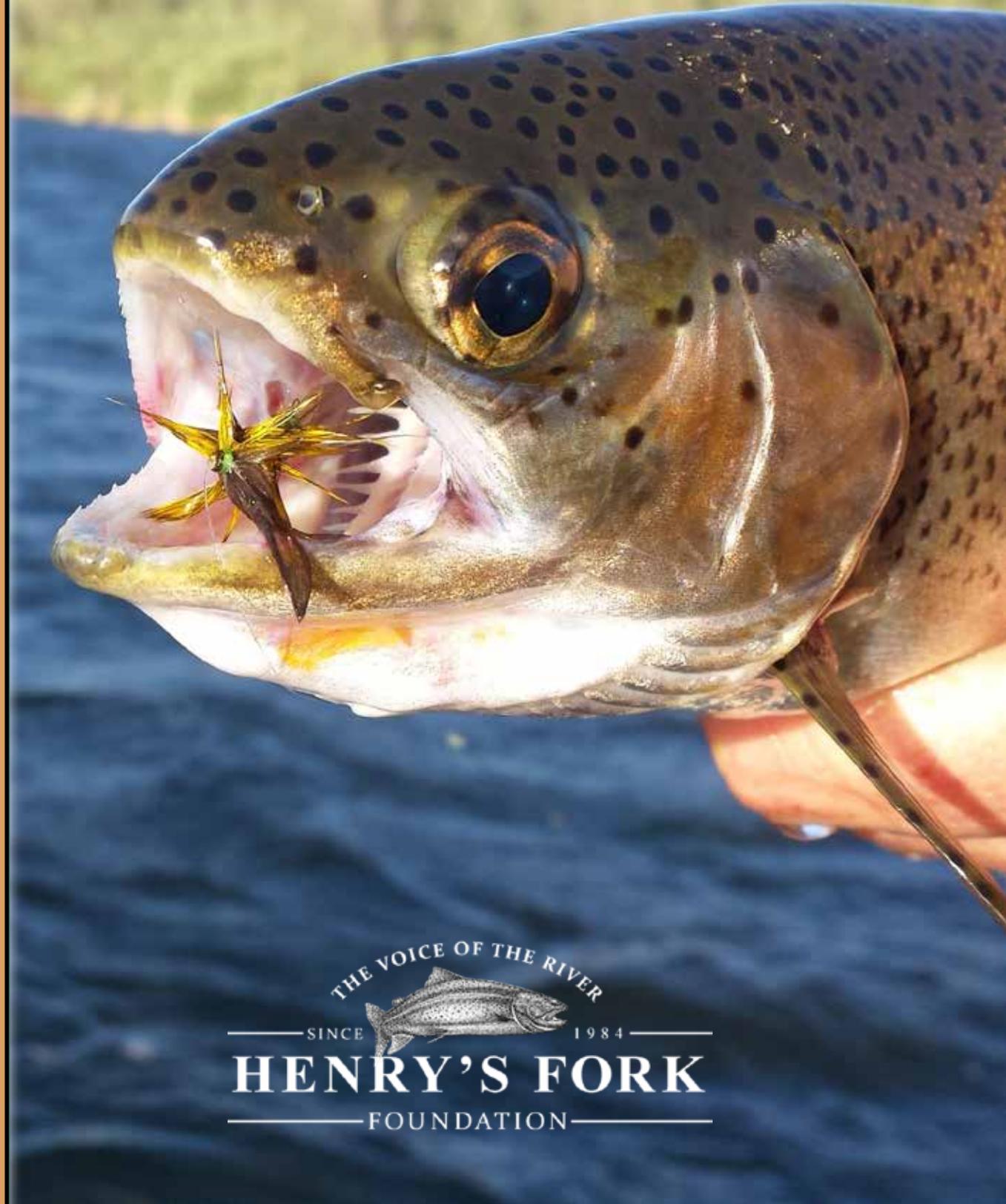




# ANNUAL REPORT 2014

A REVIEW OF HFF'S 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It is often asked how we measure success at the Henry's Fork Foundation. It is an interesting topic and one that is simultaneously simple and complicated. In the final analysis, it all comes down to positive impact.

Some of our success is simply presence/absence. Does a large hydropower project exist at Mesa Falls? No. Hard work and lobbying by the HFF founding members ensured that future hydro-power projects would not interrupt the flows or ecology of the upper river. Are there fences to protect the banks of the Henry's Fork as it flows through Harriman State Park? Yes. Early volunteers realized that even the extremely resilient riparian area of the Henry's Fork on The Ranch could only stand up to so many decades of unfettered livestock access and immediately got to work doing something about it. These early successes were not research-driven nor overly complicated. A problem was identified and a response was crafted to subdue the threat to a resource so many loved.

As time progressed, more information was needed. A research program was necessary to investigate the how and why of the Henry's Fork ecosystem. What was the limiting factor for the wild trout population? What types of long-term data could be collected to establish a baseline of river health for the Henry's Fork? Through partnerships with Idaho State University and others, HFF was able to begin the work of science, research, and monitoring necessary to guide future actions.

At the same time, the Henry's Fork Foundation began to bring on professional staff for the first time. The early success attained under a fully volunteer board and administration could not be sustained at the level necessary to mount a full-scale research program paired with projects and programs aimed at rectifying identified issues. Once again, the simple presence of staff and programmatic areas working in concert could define the success of HFF. The river had been without, but now it had, human resources fully focused on its issues. That is a large step for any organization.

Quickly, the Henry's Fork Foundation had to shift to new metrics for measuring success. A strategic plan had to identify the research priorities, and findings from research needed stewards to implement the findings into action. Partnerships and collaboration were necessary to move forward with the goals and objectives found in the strategic plan.

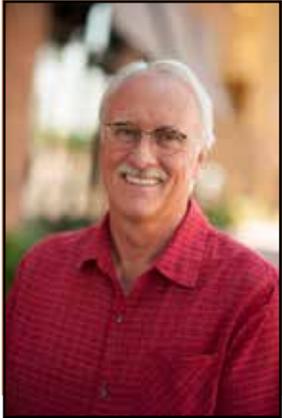
It was learned during the early years of the research program that finding water, and thus habitat, for juvenile fish was vitally important to the wild trout population of the Henry's Fork below Island Park Reservoir. Finally, in 2005 the Drought Management Planning process was implemented, and positive results have followed:

- 28.4 cfs (10.2%) average increase in December - February flows below Island Park Dam under the new planning process.
- On any given day, 300 more wild trout are available in Box Canyon for anglers to catch.

Combine the Drought Management Planning collaborative process with Buffalo River fish passage, tributary enhancement, and a high-tech monitoring network and you have yourself positive impact that can insulate the wild rainbow trout population below Island Park Reservoir from many of the threats to our watershed.

As an HFF member, you helped us raise more than \$1.2 million in our 30th Anniversary year. We are converting threats to opportunities. We have added organizational capacity, launched our Campaign for Wild Trout, and built on our endowment. I invite our members to become even more a part of the work we do and assist us in meeting our stated goal of being a cutting edge, collaborative organization that translates solid science into productive action. As we manage the river with more specific outcomes in mind, we are going to need to introduce a new level of research and monitoring designed to produce very precise data. In the next 30 years, we need the positive impacts to the Henry's Fork to continue.

**-- Brandon Hoffner**



## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

2014 marked our 30<sup>th</sup> year of conserving, protecting, and restoring the Henry's Fork and its wild trout. It was a record-breaking year on several fronts.

- Membership in the Henry's Fork Foundation is at an all-time high.
  - Henry's Fork Day and our Salt Lake City, Boise, and San Francisco receptions set records for both attendance and fundraising.
  - Our integrated Campaign for Wild Trout is off to a robust start, meeting first-year goals and exceeding expectations for support and enthusiasm.
  - Our continuing research is providing us with information and answers to questions about which habitats wild trout prefer, where and when they are moving, and what they need to thrive.
- New education and outreach initiatives like the youth and moms fishing clinics are broadening the appreciation of the Henry's Fork and its fish.

Due to your support and the yeoman efforts of the staff, interns, and volunteers, the HFF is riding a crest of success into 2015. So we've collectively created a winning, high-performing organization with big momentum and can go on auto-pilot from here, right? Not quite. While we all have contributed to this wonderful momentum, there remain significant challenges to the watershed and the ecological systems of the Henry's Fork that will require continued effort to successfully manage.

Regardless of what you call it, we have been getting some weird winter weather patterns that are making drought management planning more difficult. We are working to better understand the driving dynamics and hydrologic results. Future land-use and management decisions will affect the watershed. Water storage and aquifer recharge projects could have significant consequences for the Henry's Fork and its fish, potentially positive or possibly negative. The work of conserving, protecting, and restoring the Henry's Fork and its wild trout needs to be forward-looking, adaptive, and continuous. I personally thank each of you who participated in the life of the Henry's Fork in 2014 and invite you to continue to support this important work. We can't do it without you.

-- *Jim Carter*

## NOTABLE NUMBERS

30

The number of years the Henry's Fork Foundation has been in existence.

15,000,000

The amount of money raised and spent by HFF since its inception to conserve and restore the wild fisheries of the Henry's Fork.

5

The average number of inches young trout grow in their first year in the Henry's Fork. The number is a bit higher on average than in other rivers in the U.S.

3,015

The number of current members of the Henry's Fork Foundation.

36,452

The number of wild rainbow that have moved upstream through the Buffalo Fish Ladder into the Buffalo River since 2006.

21

The number of years of co-facilitating the Henry's Fork Watershed Council with Fremont-Madison Irrigation.



*Water samples are collected weekly and sent to a lab for testing.*

## **Water-quality information helps river management**

HFF installed state-of-the-art, continuous-recording water-quality instruments at Flatrock Club, Island Park Dam, Pinehaven, and the old Marysville Bridge. The instruments record water temperature, dissolved oxygen, total suspended solids, turbidity, water depth, chlorophyll, and algae production, producing a wealth of new information.

We learned that daily cycles of macrophyte respiration between Last Chance and Pinehaven cause fluctuations in water depth that persist downstream to Rexburg. This information is already helping us develop water-management strategies for the river downstream of Ashton. In 2015, we will add three more stations and collaborate with agencies to investigate seasonal episodes of high turbidity below Island Park Dam.



*Anglers are more satisfied with their fishing than during the peak experiences of the 1980s.*

## **Angler satisfaction higher, say HFF survey results**

According to surveys conducted by HFF in Harriman State Park (“the Ranch”), anglers were much more satisfied with their fishing experience in 2014 than they were in 2008. Furthermore, anglers ranked their 2014 fishing experience on the Ranch above average, even when compared to their best years of fishing. On a 10-point scale (1=worst, 5 = average, 10 = best), anglers rated the overall quality of fishing in 2014 at 5.9 when compared to all previous years and 5.5 when compared to the 1980s. Back in 2008, anglers rated the overall quality of fishing at 4.5 when compared to all previous years and only 3.2 when compared with the 1980s.

These results provide strong quantitative evidence that angler satisfaction with the Ranch fishery has improved over the last six years.



*TIC graduate Kelton Williams prepares to release his classroom-raised rainbow trout.*

## **Trout in the Classroom teaches life-time skills and habits**

Since implementing education into our mission in 2012, HFF has connected more than 300 Henry’s Fork kids to their watershed through interactive programs such as Trout in the Classroom and Youth on the Fly. The enthusiasm generated by these programs remains with these kids outside of elementary school, following them into middle school, into their homes, and hopefully, throughout their lives.

If we continue these programs and our work at Ashton Elementary School for the next five years, the number of students reached will exceed 800, or 60% of the total population of Ashton. Working with youth through education and recreation helps foster a conservation ethic and respect for the river that can help sustain the Henry’s Fork for generations to come.



# 30th Anniversary Report

## 1984 to 2014 in Review

To commemorate the first 30 years of the Henry's Fork Foundation, we offer this Anniversary Report, a brief history of three decades of work to preserve and protect the river.

## From fences to finances, Henry's Fork Foundation has grown

### Lansche Cabin to 1993

When the founders of the Henry's Fork Foundation began organizing back in 1983, their main concern was damage to the river banks caused by cattle grazing, followed closely by the threat of hydroelectric development between Island Park and Ashton.

Today, more than 20 miles of fence, maintained by the nonprofit Foundation and partners between Last Chance and Pinehaven, keep cattle from permanently damaging riparian areas. Those HFF founders raised the money, had solar-powered electric fence specially designed, and organized work parties to build the first miles of fence.

Folks like Bill Manlove, Jack Thomas, Ralph Moon, and Mick Mickelson became a familiar sight on the river, building fence, improving fish habitat, planting willows, rescuing stranded fish, and flyfishing.

As the Foundation grew, increasing its membership and political clout, its leaders lobbied for designation of the Henry's Fork as wild, scenic, or recreational. They convinced U.S. Senators James McClure and Steve Symms to sponsor legislation to block hydroelectric dams on the Henry's Fork. McClure also secured funding for the fisherman's access at Last Chance, a project completed in 1990. HFF facilitated the land swap between Montana Power and the U.S. Forest Service that put Mesa Falls into federal ownership and prevented construction of a proposed dam.

Establishing itself as a research and restoration organization, HFF set up a work station at Harriman State Park and partnered with Idaho State University and Idaho Fish and Game on fisheries research. During HFF's first decade, research focused on trout population dynamics and juvenile trout survival from Island Park Dam to Riverside Campground.



*Installation of specially designed solar-powered electric fence was the first major project undertaken by the new Henry's Fork Foundation.*

HFF insisted that safeguards on water quality be established and monitored as Fall River Rural Electric moved ahead with its Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license application for a power plant at Island Park Dam. Through the Foundation's efforts, water-quality conditions and fish screens were made part of the FERC license.

In October 1991, HFF hired Jan Brown, its first full-time executive director.

In 1992, as the Marysville Canal was being enlarged to provide water for a new hydroelectric plant on Fall River, a construction accident dumped an estimated 20,000 tons of sediment into the river. Construction halted until an agency investigation was completed and mitigation measures instituted. That fall, at the end of a dry summer, Island Park Reservoir was nearly

emptied for irrigation and drawn down to minimum pool to aid chemical eradication of nongame fish in the reservoir by IDFG. In retrospect, 1992 was a tough year for the Henry's Fork watershed that provided the inertia for positive changes in the future.

### 1993-2004

Early in 1993, it was learned that 50,000 to 100,000 tons of sediment were released into the Henry's Fork during the fall drawdown. HFF began studying the effects of sediment deposition on aquatic habitat. The Island Park Dam hydropower plant went online that fall.

HFF and a coalition of conservation and sportsmen's groups successfully sponsored a bill in the Idaho Legislature to adopt the Henry's Fork Basin Plan defeated in 1992. The Basin Plan passed unanimously, protecting 190

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*From left: Boats were used to float the fencing materials to work crews. Strategizing was an important part of the project. One of the Foundation's first habitat improvement projects was the placement of pine trees in the river to provide hiding places and shade for fish.*

## Foundation continues to grow . . .

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miles of streams in the watershed from development.

In wake of conflicts over the Basin Plan and the two sediment releases, the Henry's Fork Watershed Council (HFWC) was formed in 1993 and chartered by the Idaho Legislature in 1994. The first annual HFWC conference was held in 1994. The Watershed Council gained strength, and the Foundation expanded its focus to include the entire watershed except the Teton River. The breadth of the research program was expanded. Some geomorphology and water-quality research began in 1993 in the wake of the Island Park sediment spill.

The Henry's Fork Initiative, the Foundation's first major research and policy development program, launched in April 1994 as a fundraiser combined with tangible work. Research coordinator Rob Van Kirk was hired to direct the Initiative's programs, but most of the watershed-scale work began in 1995. Research topics were expanded to include geomorphology, water quality, aquatic habitat quality, and hydrology.

The Henry's Fork Watershed Center opened on Main Street in Ashton in 1995 while the Foundation continued to operate out of its office at Last Chance. Foundation membership reached 1,000. A three-year \$439,000 grant from the Northwest Area Foundation enabled rehabilitation and restoration to become a larger part of the HFF workload and facilitated hiring a stewardship director. A four-year habitat assessment project began on the upper Henry's Fork and proceeded downstream through the entire watershed. In 1997, the board established a general endowment fund to ensure future funding for operations and projects. While it grew slowly for a decade, recent efforts have seen the endowment grow to be a true asset to the Foundation. And in 1998, headquarters moved from Island Park into refurbished offices next to the Watershed Center.

From 1994 through early 1999, HFF was highly visible and well-funded (primarily through grants). It established in-house research and stewardship programs, activities previously contracted out. Starting in 1999, the Foundation entered a time of turmoil, common for young nonprofits. Program

staff turned over, funding was insecure, and projects fell through the cracks. The HFF Board of Directors kept the Foundation moving forward.

The tide began to turn with the hiring of Steve Trafton in Fall 2002 as executive director. Research and restoration projects were run by temporary employees and contractors until Anne Marie Emery was hired in 2003 as conservation technician and Jim DeRito was hired as research and restoration director in 2004. Van Kirk maintained the hydrologic component of the research while a professor at ISU. Work was accomplished with continued collaboration through the HFWC and funding from external sources.

Nonetheless, HFF facilitated many projects during its second decade, including a thorough assessment of stream habitat throughout the watershed, restoration of Sheridan Creek, radio-tracking of adult trout, and study of trout migration in and out of the Buffalo River. During the late 1990s, HFF initiated a project to assess needs and formulate a restoration plan for the Henry's Fork upstream of Island Park Reservoir.

Concern grew over the shrinking habitat and populations of native Yellowstone Cutthroat trout. The Native Trout Restoration project began in Harriman State Park to re-establish Yellowstone cutthroat in some of its former habitat. The project demonstrated the pitfalls with native species reintroduction, especially the public tolerance for this work in certain areas.

HFF began discussions in the late 1990s with the Fremont-Madison Irrigation District (FMID) on transfer of title of watershed irrigation facilities, including Island Park Dam, from the public domain (Bureau of Reclamation) to FMID control. HFF agreed not to oppose the transfer if gains could be made for the river.

Meanwhile, continuing drought conditions led to the formation in 2001 of a water-management advisory committee that included the region's water managers, irrigation districts, and conservation organizations. In 2003, after much discussion by the HFWC, the federal government granted FMID title to all Reclamation irrigation facilities in the watershed except Island Park Dam itself. The transfer legislation formalized the collaborative Island Park Drought Management Planning



*Volunteers planted willows as part of stream restoration and stabilization projects.*



*Willow bundles are planted to stabilize stream banks and prevent erosion.*

Committee, which ensures that management of Island Park maximizes benefits to the fishery and hydroelectric power generation, while meeting irrigation-water storage and delivery obligations. Drought management planning continues to be a cornerstone process and has resulted in increased winter flows since 2005.

#### **2004 - 2014**

Angler access became a focus due to threats from changing land ownership, increased usage, and degraded infrastructure. The Foundation acquired Stone Bridge for a boat launch. A county gravel pit downstream of Vernon Bridge was turned into a public boat launch and parking area. Signs were put up. HFF worked with Fremont County, BLM, and IDFG to create a new boat launch and parking area at the Parker-Salem Highway Bridge, fund and oversee boat launch upgrades at the Box Canyon put-in and Riverside Campground, and take the lead to avert closure of the Grandview boat slide and complete improvements there.

The Henry's Fork Caldera Project was launched in response to less than optimal angling conditions within the Caldera section of the Henry's Fork. The project emphasized fish passage and habitat

enhancement, and culminated with a day-long symposium in Island Park in 2012.

The Sheridan Creek restoration on Sheridan Ranch and Harriman State Park was completed after 10 years of work on more than 15 miles of stream and the repair, replacement, or removal of 10 irrigation diversion structures, thousands of willows planted, and miles of riparian fencing installed. Monitoring continues on Sheridan Creek.

A new and improved Buffalo River fish ladder, initially constructed in 1996, was completed in January 2006, and 500 fish of spawning size used the ladder during the first four months. Later modifications allowed trapping of upstream and downstream migrating fish and monitoring fish utilizing PIT tag technology, shedding light on the Buffalo River's contributions to the Henry's Fork fishery. In 2013, the ladder passed its 30,000th fish. On the lower river, a fish ladder and canal fish screens were included in construction of a new hydroelectric plant at Chester Dam.

A study of adult trout habitat use in Harriman State Park was initiated in 2013 to quantify the link between the wild trout population and the fishing experience. It will provide a scientific

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*HFF built access steps at Ashton Dam in 2014.*



*Volunteers salvage fish when streams are dewatered for a variety of reasons.*

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basis for deciding what types of habitat that should be maintained, enhanced, or created in the Harriman reach to increase the number of adult rainbow trout present during fishing season.

From 2008 to 2014, HFF devoted considerable resources on three major projects, all vetted through the HFWC. First was reconstruction of Ashton Dam. HFF's diligence ensured the three-

year project had minimal effects on water and habitat quality. The second was a four-year study of the effects of land-use changes on water use and hydrology, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and led by Van Kirk. That study contributed technical information to the third project, long-range water-resources planning for the Henry's Fork. That project, funded by U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and the Idaho Water Resource Board, ultimately led to completion of the Henry's Fork Basin Study in early 2014.

Toward the end of its third decade, HFF assisted the U.S. Forest Service in much-needed resource assessments and infrastructure improvements. Federal funding was awarded for Yellowstone cutthroat trout surveys, a wetland vegetation inventory, dispersed recreation site rehabilitation at Schneider Creek and Harriman Fish Pond, repairs to the spillway at Harriman Fish Pond, and recreation access improvements at Coffeepot Rapids, Sheep Falls road, and Grandview Boat Slide.

Volunteers have contributed enormously to HFF's work. In 2014 alone, Henry's Fork Idaho Master Naturalists spent more than 450 hours on such projects as Buffalo River fish trap maintenance, roadside and river clean up, and angler surveys. In previous years, volunteers accompanied HFF staff into the Yellowstone Park back country to assess native Yellowstone cutthroat trout. Volunteers have contributed substantial time to habitat restoration and fish salvage efforts.

In 2010, HFF incorporated education into its strategic plan, and Emery's title was changed to conservation education biologist – a new position made possible thanks to funds from the Hugo Melvoin Family Trust. Emery molded a highly successful Trout in the Classroom program for Ashton fifth-graders and the area's first youth-

focused fly-fishing program, Youth on the Fly.

Staff in 2011 was up to six full-time (ED, three programmatic, two administrative) and two part-time positions. Executive Director Steve Trafton announced he was leaving. Brandon Hoffner was hired as Trafton's successor in September 2012. Also in 2012, the Watershed Center closed, the Foundation moved into a donated building at 512 Main, and Van Kirk returned as senior scientist, and research and restoration director.

The parade of threats to the Henry's Fork prompted HFF to increase its organizational capacity through targeted fundraising. Brady Taylor came onboard in 2007 as conservation fund director. Prior membership-building activities had increased the membership past 1,800 and provided a great base of individual philanthropists who support the Foundation through events and appeals.

Additional membership-building efforts built membership to 3,000, and concerted fundraising through the Henry's Fork Forever (Comprehensive Campaign) funded the Caldera Project efforts, provided staff for stewardship activities, and built the endowment.

And in 2014, as the Foundation celebrated its 30th anniversary, HFF began implementing a long-term program to monitor water quality throughout the watershed with the purchase and installation of automated data-collection equipment at four locations on the river from Flatrock Club down to Marysville. A survey conducted through summer and fall 2014 showed that anglers were much more satisfied with their fishing experience on the Harriman State Park reach than they were in 2008.

The Foundation kicked off the Campaign for Wild Trout, designed to sustain HFF's research, restoration, stewardship, and education programs as HFF enters its fourth decade.



*The restored Sheridan Creek was a stop on the annual Watershed Council field tour.*

## Watershed Council continues facilitation of water planning

After three years of work on the Bureau of Reclamation's Henry's Fork Basin Study, the Henry's Fork Watershed Council devoted meetings in January, May, August (field trip), and October 2014 to Basin Study results, water quality, and water supply and measurement.

In February, March, and April, the Council, at the request of Fremont County, facilitated meetings devoted to a Futures Study of natural, recreational, and socioeconomic resources in Island Park. However, local politics resulted in cancellation of the study, and the Council returned to more familiar topics. The annual watershed conference in December was the high point of the Council's year and drew 60 attendees and speakers from around the state to discuss basin-wide water administration as the Snake River Basin Adjudication process comes to a close.



*The fish ladder at Chester Dam went online during 2014.*

## Buffalo and Chester fish passage reconnect wild trout habitat

Fish passage is essential to wild trout and their habitats. Over the past decade, HFF has worked with energy companies, dam operators, and state and federal agencies to improve wild trout fisheries on the Henry's Fork, advocating for fish passage and other fisheries improvements in the re-licensing of the Buffalo and Chester dams.

Re-licensing, which occurs every 30 to 50 years, represents a rare opportunity to improve dam operations in relation to water quality, fish passage, and other environmental concerns. Prior to re-licensing, both dams prevented upstream and downstream passage of wild trout, blocking access to winter habitats and spawning grounds for more than 70 years. HFF helped ensure fish passage was written into operational permits at both facilities, leading to installation of fish ladders at both dams, re-connecting hundreds of miles of stream habitat for wild trout.

## 2014 HFF Projects

### *Project: Status - Hours Worked - Cost\**

- Buffalo River Fish Passage:
  - Ongoing, seasonal - 800 hours - \$45,920
- Chester Dam Fish Passage and Operations:
  - Ongoing, seasonal - 120 hours - \$11,682
- Harriman State Park Angler Survey:
  - Year 2 of 3 - 800 hours - \$16,064
- Henry's Fork Watershed Council:
  - Ongoing - 715 hours - \$41,985
- Harriman Park Adult Trout Habitat Use Study:
  - Year 2 of 3 - 1,250 hours - \$43,689
- Riparian Fence Maintenance:
  - Ongoing, seasonal - 115 hours - \$2,329
- River Access:
  - Ongoing - 180 hours - \$11,070
- Tributary Restoration and Monitoring:
  - Ongoing - 190 hours - \$28,282
- Trout in the Classroom:
  - Ongoing, seasonal - 270 hours - \$7,746
- USGS Professional Paper:
  - Year 2 of 3 - 140 hours - \$20,385
- Water Management:
  - Ongoing - 865 hours - \$58,388
- Water-Quality Monitoring:
  - Year 2 - 805 hours - \$122,850
- Youth on the Fly, Other Youth Fishing Activities:
  - Ongoing, seasonal - 130 hours - \$4,609

*(\*Amounts include wages, equipment costs, and other expenses. This is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all projects.)*





# GREEN DRAKE SOCIETY

## Annual giving of \$1,000 or more

\*New Life Members in 2014 are shown in boldface.



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# WILD TROUT CLUB

Lifetime giving of \$10,000 or more



## River Steward Level \$250K+

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## Rainbow Trout Level \$100K+

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# LEGACY SOCIETY

Giving through Estate Planning

A Legacy Gift to the Henry's Fork Foundation is a way of perpetuating a donor's support of the mission of the Foundation. It also enables a donor to make a major gift that might not otherwise be possible. For many, an estate gift is the continuation of a lifetime of giving support.

Eric Adema  
Thomas and Joan Brown  
Robert and Kelli Dotson  
Henry and Flory Ellis  
Bob and Gaye Fields  
John and JoAnne Gaynor  
Bill and Debby Hackett  
John and Carol Hepworth  
Layne and Mary Hepworth

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Jerry Nielsen  
Jerry and Robin Pulley  
Bruce Raskin and Kathleen Boone  
Jack and Janet Roberts  
Jeff and Amy Roberts  
John Schneider



For a look at HFF income and expenses, a copy of the HFF Form 990 for 2013 is available online at <http://henryfork.org/annual-reports>. The 2014 Form 990 will be posted to the website when it becomes available in July 2015.

# Has HFF made a difference?

## From Idaho Fish and Game

The Henry's Fork Foundation has proven to be an invaluable partner in keeping the Henry's Fork healthy and the fishery vibrant. From the early years helping to avoid catastrophic dewatering events below Island Park Dam, to more recent decades orchestrating the collaborative and diverse Watershed Council, to current efforts to understand water chemistry issues and sediment transportation through the watershed and how that affects aquatic habitat and ultimately the fishery, the actions and results of the Foundation's work are clearly a success story. The Henry's Fork and its anglers are the beneficiaries of the Foundation's efforts.

-- Dan Garren, Regional Fisheries Manager

## From U.S. Forest Service

(Imagine) the Henry's Fork in 2014 if HFF didn't exist. Our level of knowledge about the fisheries and the limiting factors would be based on population trends, not targeted age-specific studies. The information to develop a solid rationale for winter flows to increase overwinter survival wouldn't exist for young-of-the-year trout. There wouldn't be a basis to provide young-of-the-year fish passage at the Buffalo River Hydro without many of the studies funded by HFF and IDFG. It is safe to say there would be fewer fish, and our understanding of the system, while still not perfect, would be so much less. There would not have been an effective unified voice for the river to balance irrigation demands.

I would say, do not underestimate the cumulative importance of the small, slow but steady actions of years' worth of effort. Take a look at what has

been accomplished in the past 30 years, and think about what is possible in the next 30. HFF has become bigger than any one individual, and that is creating the basis to be a permanent part of the legacy of the Henry's Fork by influencing its management. As I look forward, I see many opportunities within the tributaries to improve the health of the waters and production of wild trout.

-- Lee W. Mabey  
Caribou-Targhee Fisheries Biologist

## From Henry's Fork Anglers

During the past 30 years, the Henry's Fork has been hit with almost everything bad that could threaten a river. The Foundation has always been there to counter each threat. More importantly, we've developed a trusting relationship and respect with other interests from the local community. As a life-long resident of Madison and Fremont counties in eastern Idaho, I understand how important it is to work closely with the local community. Looking back as a founder of this organization, it is easy to see what a difference the Foundation has made. I can only imagine where I would personally be without it.

-- Mike Lawson, Outfitter and Guide

## From the Trumpeter Swan Society

What was it like on the Henry's Fork 30 years ago? Many people loved it and wanted to help improve it, but there was no "big picture" understanding of its ecology and function, no organized research or stewardship programs, and no sense of the priorities. Because of HFF, all that has changed, and so much has been accomplished. Thank you.

-- Ruth Shea, Greater Yellowstone Coordinator

## Foundation receives awards

Some of the awards HFF has received over the years:

- Take Pride in America Award presented at a ceremony on the White House Lawn.
- Conservation awards from the Federation of Fly Fishers and Upper Snake River Fly Fishers.
- A first place in the Take Pride in Idaho achievement awards sponsored by the Idaho Centennial Commission.
- Award for Excellence from the Idaho Nonprofit Center.
- Conservation Partnership Award from Intermountain West Joint Venture.

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