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## **First Caldera Symposium Will Combine Science and Angling**

ASHTON, Idaho (June 27, 2012) The twenty-eight mile stretch of the Henry's Fork of the Snake River between Island Park Dam and Mesa Falls contains some of the most renowned rainbow trout fisheries in the nation. This stretch of the river is one of the reasons that Fremont County ranks first out of 44 Idaho counties for angler spending and why the Henry's Fork supports 851 jobs. But some anglers have said the fishing is not what it used to be—with fewer fish, diminished aquatic insect hatches, and degraded habitat.

The first Caldera Symposium will bring together leading scientific and angling experts to address these concerns on July 12, 2012 at Pond's Lodge in Island Park, Idaho. The full-day Symposium will feature the latest scientific research about river and stream habitat, restoration, trout ecology, fisheries management, and angling.

The Caldera Symposium is a culmination of the Henry's Fork Foundation's comprehensive Caldera Project, begun in 2008 to better understand and improve the Henry's Fork fisheries. For the past four years, a technical team of scientific experts have made significant advancements in our understanding of the Henry's Fork.

The Symposium will also include presentations about fly fishing in the Caldera from renowned anglers who have fished the Henry's Fork for several decades, including Nelson Ishiyama, John McDaniel, Mike Lawson, René Harrop, and Mick Mickelson. These anglers have met the technical challenges of fishing the Henry's Fork with innovations in techniques that have been applied throughout the world of fly fishing, and three have written books about fishing in the Caldera.

The event is free, but seating is limited, so save a spot by sending an email to the Henry's Fork Foundation at [jderito@henrysfork.org](mailto:jderito@henrysfork.org) or by calling the Foundation at 208-652-3567. Lunch will be provided by Pond's Lodge for a minimal charge. For those who cannot attend, the event will be streamed on the Foundation's Youtube channel and will be available for download afterwards. A full schedule for the day can be found at [www.henrysfork.org](http://www.henrysfork.org).

The Symposium is sponsored by the Henry's Fork Foundation, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and Caribou-Targhee National Forest. Additional support is provided by Pond's Lodge and the Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

*The Henry's Fork Foundation is the only organization whose sole purpose is to conserve, protect, and restore the natural resources of the Henry's Fork watershed. For more information, visit [www.henrysfork.org](http://www.henrysfork.org).*