The Evergreen Trout

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JACK BOMBADIER DISCUSSES FISHING THE LOWER UPPER COLORADO AT JANUARY MEETING

That's right—the Lower Upper. Jack Bombadier, owner and guide at Confluence Casting, lives right on the banks of the Colorado River just above where it meets the Eagle River and becomes the Lower Colorado. Jack does most of his trips on this stretch and knows it like the back of his hand. Many of his floats end right in his backyard.

This stretch gets very little traffic so you can expect a great day on the river. Wildlife abounds, and you will often encounter bighorn sheep, eagles and other wild creatures. Jack can even show you some amazing dinosaur tracks on your float.

So join us at Beau Jo's Pizzeria in downtown Evergreen on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 for a fun evening and learn from a pro about this remote,

trout-filled stretch of the mighty Colorado. Dinner is available at 6:30 PM, and the program starts shortly after a brief business meeting at about 7 PM.



FEBRUARY MEETING HOSTS GREG FELT AND AN INFORMATIVE DISSCUSSION ON FISHING THE ARKANSAS RIVER



Our February meeting will bring Greg Felt back by popular demand. As always, he will bring new information and

perspectives on fishing the Arkansas. No one knows the river better than Greg.

Greg has been guiding on the Arkansas since 1985. He is currently part owner of ArkAnglers and is its guide service manager. Fishing on the river has gone from good to great in recent years in part because of a successful planting of Hofer rainbows. Now giant stoneflies have been added to the mix.

Come hear Greg talk on Wednesday evening, February 19, 2014. He will also discuss current environmental threats to the river, which is something always on his mind as a great steward of this resource. The meeting is at Beau Jo's Pizzeria in downtown Evergreen. Join us for dinner and libations at 6:30 PM on this Wednesday evening. Greg's program will start after a short business meeting at 7 PM.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

The Evergreen Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets the third Wednesday of each month except July and December at Beau Jo's Pizzeria in downtown Evergreen. Join us for dinner and chapter business at 6:30 PM and a program at 7 PM.

January, 14 2014: ETU board meeting at Tuscany Tavern at 6:30 PM. Check with Mike McGinnis at 303-670-0554 or mossyshoal@aol.com for more information.

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ETU NEWSLETTER TO CHANGE

If you are a long-term reader of this newsletter, you will probably notice that this issue is a shortened version. In the last issue, we asked readers to respond to a request to e-mail the newsletter editor if they had read that issue. We sent the newsletter out to 379 recipients and only 29 responded. That is a response rate of about 7.5 percent, and only represents about 6.5 percent of our total membership. This response rate is shockingly low. In addition, we are not getting sufficient contributions from our readers to populate the Bimonthly Fly and Fish Photo columns. As such, the board will be considering whether a newsletter is the best way to communicate with the membership in the future.

PARTING FISH PHOTO, by Mike McGinnis

Here is a photo of a tarpon I caught off the coast of Venezuela last July. We also caught a lot of those pesky little bonefish. Enjoy the shot and may it warm your imagination during these upcoming cold days in January and February.

