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Newsletter of the Cohutta Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Speaker of the Month

The speaker for the month of October our last meeting of 2007 at the Delkwood Grill will be Marc Pickard. Marc is the Earth Share Correspondent for Channel 11 News. Maybe you have seen his environmental segments on the news? His last visit to the Chapter was during the Atlanta Olympics. He is a resident of Smyrna and a member of our Chapter. Marc will give us an overview of his environmental watch for the Channel and also he would like to talk about his trip to Taiwan with the Georgia Aquarium crew. He will end up with some of his fishing stories. His favorite water is the Davidson River. He told me he will entertain questions and hope we participate. Think what you would like to ask Marc. See you Thursday night.

Annual Cohutta Chapter Smoker

The smoker has been confirmed for Friday night Nov. 9 at Skip Spears place up in Jasper. We usually get there around 6:00 pm. We will have food, that will be surprise. We will have snacks for before reel food. Bring your own hard stuff, we usually have some brews and soft drinks, etc. We will put directions on website and have them at this months meeting

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Calendar of Events	
October 25 th	Chapter Meeting
October 26 th thru 28 th	Nantahala DH
	Camp outing
NO Chapter Meeting In November or December	
November 9 th	Annual Cohutta Smoker
December 8 th	Cohutta Christmas Party
Meetings are held at the Delkwood Grill	
1 mile east of I75 on Delk Road in Marietta	
the fourth Thursday of the month.	



How to find your state senator or representative.

At meetings we hear of situations which we should contact our state officials but for most of us, we don't know how to contact them. Follow this link to find your state senator and representative, it also provides mailing address and email address. And shows you what committees they sit on, so you could slant your email or letter a little bit toward what their functions are. Keep this web site on your refrigerator for future reference.

http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2005_06/house/index.htm

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Stream of the Month Reports

Rattlers Ford

Our annual Stream of The Month at Rattlers Ford was one to remember. As usual Wally set up his special tarp for the cooking area which was greatly appreciated. We started off the event with chefs Larry, David and Ron providing Friday night dinner cooked in 3 Dutch Ovens. The food was great and fellowship was even better. By nightfall the group campsite had wall to wall tents. The good lord provided all of us with cool weather in the 40's and 50's which was a nice change from what we had experienced in Atlanta. Diane, Fireman Dave and I fished for a couple of hours in the Snow Bird on Friday afternoon with a few fish taken but nothing compared to last year. The river was very low and at least 2 to 3 feet down. We started Saturday morning with Larry and I getting GRIZZED for forgetting the bacon for breakfast, however we did make a trip to the local store and purchased all they had to satisfy the taste of our members. By 10:00 everyone had their fill of pancakes, bacon, coffee and OJ. Larry carried a group up to The Little Snow Bird for some Brookie fishing and had great luck. Most of the balance of us had very little luck.

By Saturday nigh we had 22 for dinner. GRIZ was the chef cooking his special burgers with all the trimmings along with homemade fry's, beans etc. A good time was had by all Saturday night by the campfire. Robert brought one of his friend who entertained us with his banjo and songs. Fireman Dave also entertained us with some of his special songs which he had sang to some of his special lady friends. Sunday morning GRIZ served his special breakfast with homemade biscuits, topped with sausage gravy and eggs. Once everyone had a chance to digest the delightful breakfast we started breaking down the tents and heading back home.

I want to thank everyone who attended the campout, it was great to see everyone chip in to help each other. We never had to ask for help, it was always provided with open arms and hearts.

Ron Minick

October SOTM – Nantahala River DH Section

The SOTM on October 26-28, 2007 will be on the Delayed Harvest section of the Nantahala River in North Carolina. This will be a campout trip. Bob Rudy has reserved us a group camping site at the Apple Tree Campground a few miles from the Delayed Harvest area. We have the camp site reserved for Friday and Saturday nights. I am sure that some of us will be going up on Friday and the rest on Saturday. I need some help coordinating the meals so please email me if you can help. I am tentatively planning on for Friday night dinner and Saturday breakfast and Saturday lunch will be on an individual basis. We will cook Saturday night dinner as a group and Sunday morning breakfast as a group. If someone wants to prepare some other meals (i.e. Saturday lunch or Breakfast) or can help with the currently planned meals please let me know. I will be posting the campground information on the website so please check it for directions and other information.

The Nantahala DH section is a great fishery and with the low water levels the fish should be concentrated in the deeper areas making it an even better opportunity for the novice angler. Bring plenty of junk flies and small nymphs. Also, about 35 minutes from the Nantahala in the Tuck River in Dillsboro. This is also a DH stream and great for wading when the water levels are down (like they are now). I need to get a head count of who is planning on coming so please email me at bshinall@epicconsulting.com or call me at 678-313-7593. I also need volunteers to help with some cooking so please let me know if you can help. Hope to see you all there.
Brian Shinall

Historic Drought in Georgia

By Ken Dye

The director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD), Carol Couch, has declared a level four drought across the northern third of Georgia. The declaration prohibits most types of outdoor residential water use in the northern third of the state while the remaining Georgia counties remain subject to outdoor watering limits. At the same time water

is being released from Lake Lanier as required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Currently Georgia's Governor is threatening to sue the Corp unless they decrease the water being released and Georgia's congressional delegation is proposing legislation to suspend the Endangered Species Act regulations during periods of extreme drought. How did we get here?

Well, this is a result of a seventeen year water war between Georgia, Alabama and Florida. Below is a brief history of what has led up to the current situation written by the Southern Environmental Law Center.

Tri-State Water Wars (AL, GA, FL)

By Southern Environmental Law Center
Water Wars History

The Army Corps of Engineers built Buford Dam on the Chattahoochee River almost 50 years ago, creating Lake Lanier. The authorized purpose of the lake was to provide flood control, hydropower and navigation. As time progressed, the booming population of metro Atlanta began to rely on Lake Lanier for its water supply and the Corps began issuing interim contracts to municipal water-supply providers without any evaluation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). In 1989, the Corps recommended that some of the lake water be reallocated for water supply in the Atlanta region.

In response, Alabama sued the Corps the next year, claiming that reallocating the water would favor Georgia's interests and that the Corps had violated NEPA by ignoring the environmental impacts of reallocating water on the downstream states. Alabama also claimed that the Corps breached its duty to operate Lake Lanier and other federal reservoirs for the benefit of all downstream users in the ACF and ACT basins. Florida sought to intervene on the side of Alabama, while Georgia and metro-Atlanta municipalities moved to intervene on the side of the Corps.

The Alabama lawsuit was put on hold so that the three states and the Corps could negotiate a resolution. The four parties agreed to conduct a comprehensive study of all of the water issues affecting the ACF and ACT basins to determine how to fairly allocate the water resources. The study recommended that interstate compacts be developed to apportion the water resources. The compacts were

officially ratified by Congress in 1997, after they passed all three state legislatures, and created a structure that would allow the states to work together to determine the best method for managing the resources, while litigation remained on hold.

Unfortunately, the states could not reach an agreement, and, after multiple deadline extensions, the compacts expired without resolution in 2003 (ACF) and 2004 (ACT), and the three states went back to court.

The Three Lawsuits

When the ACT and ACF compacts dissolved, the previous cases became the default method of resolving the issues of water allocation in all three states. Currently, there are cases pending in three different federal courts - Alabama, Georgia, and Washington DC.

Alabama: The court had originally stayed Alabama's 1990 case against the Corps. That stay was lifted, and the case is now active again. Florida and Alabama have recently amended their original complaints to also claim that the Corps violated the Endangered Species Act, as endangered aquatic species in both states will suffer with reduced water quality and flow in the two river basins.

Washington DC: Before the stay in the Alabama case was lifted, however, Georgia and the Corps had entered into another agreement, in 2004, in federal court in Washington, DC. The agreement reallocated some of Lake Lanier's storage from hydropower to water supply.

Alabama and Florida have challenged the agreement as being a secret reallocation of water in violation of the stay of Alabama's case. SELC filed an amicus brief in this matter on behalf of four conservation organizations, arguing that environmental studies must be conducted before Lake Lanier's water is reallocated to determine if there will be downstream impacts. The judge in the Alabama case issued an injunction preventing the Corps and Georgia from implementing the 2004 agreement - but the 11th Circuit has ruled the injunction invalid. Alabama and Florida have since filed motions for a rehearing in that case.

Georgia: Meanwhile, Georgia has sued the Corps arguing that the agency was wrong in rejecting Georgia's request to permanently reallocate large quantities of Lake Lanier from hydropower to water supply purposes. This case was recently abated by the 11th Circuit.

Good News, Bad News

Jeff Durniak

Which do you want first, good or bad? I'll make you a deal: I'll give you the good news first as long as you read the very last line of this email.

Good: Water's cold (mid-50's)!

Bad: not enough of it!!!

Good: Thanks to our staffs' great efforts to manage thru the summer's heat, WRD and USFWS hatcheries should have a good number of nice -sized trout available for the November 1 opening of GA's Delayed Harvest (DH) trout program. We just have to make it one more week or so.

Bad: We'll have to stock both the November and December allocations now due to limited water flows at some of our hatcheries. If we don't make some room to grow next year's stocked fish, they'll only be six inches long!

Good: Water's cold and the trout are biting.

Bad: You have to hunt enough deep water to hold fish. Examples: "Trout tackler" and I fished the Smokies (his choice- gift trip for Unicoi OAD help) last weekend. Although the elk did not come out for us to see, we still had fun catching wild rainbows and a few migrant stockers from Cherokee in the lower Oconaluftee along Hwy 441 in the national park. We just had to walk past all the shallow riffles to "high-grade" the deeper pools, where fish were stacked. If we did not spook them, we caught them on #16 adams dry with a prince dropper swung deep (2-4 feet). The trout were a lot better than the Little T smallmouth we searched for earlier that Saturday. Our duo's score: three fish for a combined total of 8 inches. Humble pie!!!

Rematch vowed. The same trouting pattern held true on Nantahala DH Sunday evening (10/14) after running an errand in NC. Hitting the deeper water produced fish, which were still very naive and liked a Y2K the best. Soon they'll learn what "aquatic macroinvertebrates" are as their hunger pangs grow. Best bets this weekend: Tallulah, Rock, way up the Chattooga (SC DNR stocks), and the Toccoa and Hooch (Jones Bridge) tail waters if tonight's rain does not muddy their tributaries too badly. Pause... I SURE HOPE WE'RE RAINED OUT. NC's DH streams are low, but fishable. Just be stealthy: move slowly, low and in camo or olive drab. Big rain- Dukes and Waters (the one and only GA trout stream where WMA stamp is required). Bring camera!

Good: TPL secured an excellent stretch of the Hooch above Helen for the public. Many thanks to the Beutell family.

Bad: Land and Water Conservation Funds (LWCF) are a variable and limited source. Learn more about this program and whether you want to play a role in it. Story:NEWSFor Immediate Release: October 16, 2007 Contact: Chris Deming, TPL Senior Project Manager: (404) 873-7306 ext. 232 Tommy Beutell, land-owner: (828) 293-5115 Chris Nonnemaker, White County: (404) 730-8300 Jim Kidd, U.S. Forest Service: (770) 297-3062 The Trust For Public Land Helps Expand The Chattahoochee National Forest Land to Provide Additional Recreational and Fishing Opportunities Along the Headwaters of the Chattahoochee River White County, Georgia. When the Georgia office of the Trust for Public Land began its Chattahoochee River Land Protection Campaign in the mid 1990's, its goal was to protect central Georgia's drinking water and provide recreational opportunities by creating a 180-mile greenway along the banks of the Chattahoochee-a greenway that would stretch from Helen to Lake Lanier to Columbus, Georgia. And protecting the lands at the headwaters (where the Chattahoochee River begins) was among the program's highest priorities. In the last two years alone, TPL has protected more than 200 acres in the headwaters (including an 1860's gold mine and the historic Hardman Farm) and is currently poised to permanently preserve an additional 108 acres. The most recent river initiative activity was the purchase of the Beutell tract-an important stretch of riverfront property in White County, 4 miles north of Helen, Georgia. The 108-acre tract was the northernmost privately held property on the river and a critical acquisition for the campaign. The property provides public access to the Chattahoochee River for fishing and is of special interest to the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture, a project of the National Fish Habitat Action Plan to protect, restore and enhance aquatic habitat throughout the range of Eastern brook trout. The property also contains potential habitat for a number of species that are rare in Georgia, including the red squirrel, pink and yellow lady slipper, and two varieties of ginseng. "This was a 'must-have' acquisition in our long-range plan to protect the Chattahoochee and its tributaries," says Chris Deming, TPL Senior Project Manager. "This property not only contains both

sides of the headwaters of the Chattahoochee River, but two pristine tributary streams offering excellent fishing opportunities, amazing waterfalls and stands of large white pines and a variety of hardwoods. It's a beautiful piece of property and will make an extraordinary addition to the Chattahoochee National Forest for use as a wildlife preserve and passive recreation area." "The Beutell tract was acquired for \$2.426 million a few years ago. The Forest Service put in \$1.3 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and we used \$875,000 from a section 404 funding grant," explains Deming. "And thanks to our fundraising success in the Chattahoochee River Land Campaign, we were able to donate \$251,000 towards this project. The Forest Service had the property re-appraised prior to closing and the value came in at \$3 million, so we were able to pass along significant savings to the Forest Service."U.S. Senators Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isakson, U.S. Congressman Nathan Deal, and the late Congressman Charles Norwood were very supportive of the federal funding to protect this property." The Chattahoochee National Forest is a true Georgia treasure," says Chambliss. "I applaud all the folks involved in the land protection campaign, for the vital role they have played in this conservation effort so our children and grandchildren can experience the same beauty and resources as we enjoy today." This important piece of property represents a significant investment in Georgia's rich natural resources," Isakson says. "Protecting our state's lands for future generations allow us to preserve our quality of life by providing recreational opportunities, as well as water quality, air quality, and aesthetic benefits." Kevin McGrath, Georgia's head of Trout Unlimited Back the Brookie Program states that, "as part of the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture, the tributaries running through this property are being analyzed for their ability to hold and sustain the reintroduction of Southern Appalachian brook trout." In recent years, the population in the state of Georgia has grown rapidly to about nine million residents statewide. Half of these residents live in the Atlanta area and look north to the mountains for an enjoyable day hike, a weekend escape, or a paddle through whitewater. This desire to be in the mountains has resulted in the rapid development of second homes in north Georgia and increased recreational demands on the

national forest." Development around Helen has been explosive over the past few years, with new subdivisions and second homes being developed on any available tracts along the Chattahoochee River and within the National Forest," Deming continues. "Rapid development could have a negative effect on the character of this small mountain community by degrading scenic vistas, diminishing water quality, and limiting recreational opportunities. The Forest Service's on-going stewardship of the Beutell tract will help protect water quality, forested views, and recreational access in the headwaters of the Chattahoochee River." Jim Kidd with the US Forest Service readily agrees. "Growth in an area like Helen, Georgia is inevitable. So when you have the opportunity to permanently conserve a piece of property like this, you have to act quickly; and having conservation partners like The Trust for Public Land is an absolute necessity. Government can't do it alone. It takes multiple funding sources, partnerships, and willing landowners like the Beutells who truly appreciate the value of the legacy they're leaving behind." Our parents bought the land in the 1930's," says former owner Tommy Beutell, a local entrepreneur and self-described conservationist. "And it was their wish even back then, and subsequently the wish of the rest of our family today, that the land be left undisturbed and never be developed. But we weren't exactly sure how to go about preserving it." The Trust for Public Land was a natural ally in this process," Beutell continues. "They're known for helping people like us get their property into the right hands so we can be sure that it will be protected forever. And they are doing just that!" White County is one of the fastest growing counties in the nation as people seek to move to our little piece of paradise," says White County Commission Chairman Chris Nonnemaker. "The commitment of the Beutell family and the support and fine work by the Trust for Public Land was critical in putting this important conservation project together. It is extremely reassuring to see this kind of cooperative conservation effort take place and I encourage more of it. When we're proactive about preserving our special places, we demonstrate that we truly care about all of our natural areas, and that we also care about protecting our neighbors' drinking water downstream and our other beautiful natural resources." The Beutell property also borders

the Mark Trail Wilderness and lies within the Chattahoochee Wildlife Management Area, which provides visitors with hunting and fishing opportunities. Hunting, fishing and wildlife-related recreation supports many local economies and jobs in communities near outdoor recreation sites. In Georgia, hunting and fishing is an economic engine generating over \$575 million in fishing-related retail sales and more than 10,750 jobs annually; and over \$515 million in hunting-related retail sales and 10, 303 jobs. As appreciation of the river's unique value rises in both public and private circles, The Trust for Public Land, along with its other conservation "partners" (including environmental leaders, federal, state and local officials, citizen groups and private land owners), continues to protect endangered lands along the Chattahoochee River. No other natural resource plays such a vital role in the lives of so many Georgians, providing daily sustenance to more than four million people. To date, the Campaign has permanently protected more than 74 miles of river corridor and almost 15,000 acres of land. While important conservation work continues along the entire length of the Chattahoochee River, current emphasis is on protecting its tributaries and headwaters in north Georgia near the City of Helen. In the last two years alone, The Trust for Public Land has protected more than 2,00 acres in the river's headwaters (including an 1860's gold mine and a key stretch of riverfront property in White County-the northernmost, privately held tract on the river and a critical acquisition for the campaign). The Trust for Public Land also recently conveyed land to the State of Georgia that links Smithgall Woods Conservation Area with the Hardman Farm State Historic Site and other points of interest in the historic Nacoochee Valley.

Bad:

DROUGHT!<http://drought.unl.edu/dm/monitor.html>

Good: People now care much more about their water resource. Let's all do something about conserving it! Lease open:

<http://www.conservewatergeorgia.net/> and act.

Back the Brookie News From TU National

Please help the North Carolina and Tennessee Councils of TU protect some of the best remaining brook trout habitat in the southern Appalachians by telling the Forest Service that it must follow its own rules and prevent off road vehicle stream habitat destruction.

[»All it takes is one-click to our online action center, before Wednesday, October 17th, to help protect Brook Trout and their Tellico River habitat.](#)

Why We Care

The Forest Service has requested comments on two proposals under consideration to address water quality problems caused by an off-road vehicle area in the headwaters of the Tellico River, an important brook trout watershed. The proposals, which include temporarily closing only 3 miles of the 38 mile trail system and closing the entire trail system in the winter months, are necessary, but they are not enough. Trout populations in the Tellico River are in trouble and more substantial action is needed now to prevent a potential population crash.

The Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture has identified the headwaters of the Tellico River as the most significant intact population of native Southern Appalachian brook trout in western North Carolina. Water quality has been declining in the Tellico River and its tributaries for years as a result of muddy runoff from the inadequately maintained trail system within the Tellico Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) area. These streams receive approximately 500 to 1000 times more sediment than reference streams just outside the trail system.

[»Learn More](#)

What You Can Do

[Take action online today](#) and write a letter to the Forest Service in support of the proposed actions, but also urging the additional critical steps highlighted above.

Comments must be received by the Forest Service on or before Wednesday, October 17, 2007, [please take action today](#).

Thank You,

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FIELD & STREAM MAGAZINE NAMES BRIAN MAGUIRE OF PORTLAND, OREGON CONSERVATION HERO OF THE YEAR

New York, NY – Sept. 21, 2007 – *Field & Stream*, the world's leading outdoor magazine, recognized six grassroots conservationists at the second annual Heroes of Conservation Awards, sponsored by Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., on Sept. 20 in New York City. Each of the six Heroes were flown to New York for the ceremony and presented with \$1,000; **Brian Maguire of Portland, Ore.**, was named the **2007 *Field & Stream* Conservation Hero of the Year** and presented with a new 2007 Toyota Tundra SR5 V8 Doublecab.

Tucker Carlson of MSNBC, known for his appearance in the third season of *Dancing with the Stars*, was on-hand to host the event, along with special guests **Dirk Kempthorne**, U.S. Secretary of the Interior and **H. Dale Hall**, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The six Heroes are also profiled in the **October issue of *Field & Stream*, on newsstands now.**

"Sportsmen don't just care about conservation, they act on it," says Sid Evans, Editor-In-Chief of *Field & Stream*. "When we see a threat to the natural world, we get to work. These six heroes are everyday people doing work that benefits us all. We're proud to honor them, but the real prize is the habitat they restored and the benefits they've brought to sportsmen."

"This is an award that highlights the true outdoorsman," said Brian Smith, Corporate Marketing Manager, Truck/SUV for Toyota. "Toyota would like to congratulate each individual being recognized for their hard work,

dedication and for getting their hands dirty to improve our natural environment.”

Brian Maguire a computer engineer in Portland, Ore., was named the 2007 *Field & Stream* Conservation Hero of the year and presented with a new 2007 Toyota Tundra SR5 V8 Doublecab. Maguire cofounded the group Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA) after losing some of his favorite hunting grounds to clear cutting. After ten years of work and testifying before Congress, Maguire and BHA recently got 16,496 acres of mule deer winter habitat added to the 2007 Lewis and Clark Mount Hood Wilderness Act. With nearly 1,000 active members Maguire and BHA continue to fight for the preservation of wildlife habitat.

FIELD & STREAM 2007 HEROES OF CONSERVATION:

Philip Babe, East Tawas, Mich., retired conservation officer

In 1982, Babe started Walleyes for Iosco County (WIC) for the purposes of building a rearing pond to annually stock Lake Huron's Tawas Bay. To date they've planted five million young walleyes.

Harlan Kredit, Lynden, Wash., high school science teacher

For 30 years, Kredit has used projects in the local Fishtrap Creek watershed as the focus of the curriculum for his high school science classes. To date, his students have raised more than two million salmon in a student-built hatchery and planted 15,000 trees.

Robert Miles, Slippery Rock, Pa., retired special-education teacher & football coach

Twenty-five years ago, high school teacher Robert Miles formed the Laurel Conservation Club to promote environmental awareness among his students. Now, numbering 170 kids annually, the club's projects include trout stocking, raising quail, and habitat cleanups.

Chris Scalley, Roswell, Ga., flyfishing guide

In 1998, Scalley formed the Chattahoochee Coldwater Fishery Foundation to conduct long-term studies of the aquatic life on this river near Atlanta, hoping also to document the natural reproduction of trout.

Joan Vernon, Key Biscayne, Fla., vice chairman of the Billfish Foundation

Vernon cofounded Adopt-A-Billfish in 2002, a research program that places \$4,000 tags into marlin, swordfish and sailfish to collect data that will help countries conserve the declining population.

The Heroes of Conservation Awards are open to individuals involved in a hunting and fishing-related conservation project that is well under way or completed. Selections are based on a number of factors, including leadership, commitment, project growth and results. For complete details, including rules, regulations and nomination instructions for 2008, please visit www.fieldandstream.com/heroes.

Three additional conservation awards were presented at the 2007 Heroes of Conservation Awards Gala, presented by Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A.

Michael Browne, an Eagle Scout of Milton, Mass. was the first ever Boy Scout

Conservation Hero of the Year. Brown has dedicated himself to getting the lead out of fishing, spreading the word at fishing contests and exchanging the lead sinkers many anglers use for free non-toxic versions. Browne's work has also taken him to the state legislature and local university. Brown received \$500 from Bass Pro Shops, and he and his fellow troop members also received a prize pack courtesy of Bass Pro Shops.

Bill Stevens, Conservation Manager at Federal Premium Ammunition received a **Lifetime Achievement Award** for his years of work developing 4-H conservation camps, relationships with major conservation organizations, and for working to get non-toxic ammunition manufactured and used for waterfowl hunting.

The Twin Rivers chapter of Pheasants

Forever in Jones County, Iowa was presented with the **Conservation Chapter of the Year Award**. Over the past year the group has spent \$1.1 million on land acquisitions for public access.

The Heroes of Conservation Judging panel consisted of four lifelong conservation leaders:

- Charles Gauvin, President and CEO Trout Unlimited
- Ronnie Luster, 2006 *Field & Stream* Conservation Hero of the Year
- John Tomke, President of Ducks Unlimited of Mexico and former D.U. President and Chairman of the Board
- Sid Evans, Editor-in-Chief, *Field & Stream*

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