



A non-profit organization dedicated to protect, preserve and enhance the ecosystem and cold-water fishery of the Upper Delaware River System and to address any environmental threats to our area for the benefit of local communities, residents and visitors to the region.

August, 2010

Dear Friends:

I hope you've had a great spring and early summer and that you have found time to chase some wild fish on your favorite stretch of the Upper Delaware River. I would like to bring you up to date on the activities of Friends of the Upper Delaware River.

FUDR started the 2010 season with our third annual One Bug™ fundraiser, held again this year in Hancock. It was bigger and better than ever. Fourteen teams competed, and with your help we raised more than \$52,000 to benefit the local economy and support FUDR's work protecting the fishery and habitat. Many healthy wild rainbows and browns were caught and CPR was performed on all fish: Catch, Photograph and Release. Thanks again to our loyal friends who joined us in this great way of celebrating the new season.

FUDR hired its first employee in January 2010. Sherri Resti of Hancock has joined our team as Executive Secretary. She has already proven to be a huge help in making FUDR operate more effectively and efficiently.

With summer comes the sad reality that the Upper Delaware continues to be subjected to the government's mismanagement. FUDR remains the leader in challenging officials in our ongoing effort to protect and improve the world-class wild trout fishery on the West Branch, East Branch and Main stem of the Delaware River, while also addressing flood mitigation for the safety of local residents and visitors to the area.

Our greatest challenge is still addressing the inappropriately named Flexible Flow Management Program (FFMP). Implemented in September 2007, the program's shortcomings have become more apparent as time goes by. We have seen little "flexibility," and we have yet to see any beneficial "flow." The FFMP simply does not provide the consistent cold-water bottom releases the wild rainbows, brown trout and insect life need to survive. The rivers have recently experienced two stretches in which water temperatures soared into the high 70's and low 80's from Hancock to Callicoon. And while the fragile river ecosystem was starved for cold water, the reservoirs that supply the East and West Branches of the Delaware sat at above 90 percent capacity. This simply does not make sense. With water temperatures soaring due to the flawed plan, countless insects were killed, habitat was destroyed and lives of all trout and wildlife disrupted.

FUDR has formed strong partnerships with other conservation groups and several anti-flooding interest groups to contest the current FFMP. FUDR called on the parties responsible for the faulty water release plan to overhaul the program to insure the safety of the residents along the river and to protect the fishery and habitat. Along with your efforts, FUDR helped stop the final approval of the FFMP, and FUDR hopes to be an integral part of the team designing a new release plan that will actually work.

The protection of our wild rainbow trout is a big concern. According to New York State catch records, the population of the rainbows has significantly dropped in recent years. The decline is attributed to high summer water temperatures in the Main stem and the loss of crucial spawning habitat in our tributaries. FUDR's One Bug™ annual fundraiser over the last three years has raised nearly \$100,000. We have committed to spending the majority of these funds on restoring Sands and Cadosia Creeks. FUDR, the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, Delaware County and the Town of Hancock have partnered to protect the lives and property of local residents and our precious wild rainbow and brown trout through continued stream restoration efforts in our area.

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FUDR has taken a strong stand to protect residents and our resources from the threats of hydrofracking in the Marcellus Shale formation. We feel the industry is not ready to drill safely in our communities and the threats far outweigh the benefits at this time. FUDR agrees with many other residents and environmental organizations that the gas industry is not ready to drill in our basin safely and we will do all we can to prevent an accident that could cause harm to our health or pollute our waters.

We have hard work ahead if we are to meet our goals, and we need your help! Your donations, ideas and efforts are crucial as we try to convince government agencies that, when smartly managed, there is ample water available to satisfy all downstream users while allowing our fishery to reach its full potential. We are closer than ever to getting a release plan in place that will work, so continued diligence is crucial at this critical stage. I would like to thank all of you who have helped FUDR in the past and welcome all willing to help us in the future. We can't do this alone, so please join us in protecting this amazing resource.

I am sure this letter contains too much information for some and not enough for others. Please know that I am personally available by email or phone to address any concerns or questions you may have. I'm always willing to listen. FUDR has extremely dedicated board members who receive no financial compensation for the countless hours they spend on this work. No other organization understands the needs of the Upper Delaware River better than FUDR. With your help, we can continue to fight valiantly for the health and safety of local residents, visitors and our beloved Delaware River system.

FUDR is a non-profit 501c-3 organization so please consider a tax-deductible donation; anything you can do will help. Please visit the FUDR web site at www.fudr.org for more information. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



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