

One of our operational goals is to improve communication about current activities within our broad membership base. Brad Marlow is our new Webmaster. His computer skills and interest in fishing have resulted in significant improvements on our website over the last few months. Check us out at:

<http://dawgsonline.org/>

## Get Involved With DAWGs!

**SEND PHOTOS:** Email your fishing photos to post on the website trophy board to [duboisdawgs@gmail.com](mailto:duboisdawgs@gmail.com)

**TELL US WHAT YOU THINK:** Comment on news and discussion topics which appear on the web site.

**MAINTAIN PROJECT AWARENESS:** Tell others about the good work being done by your DAWGs organization.

**VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON OUR STEERING COMMITTEE:** We are actively looking for several new members.

**SERVICE PROJECTS:** Volunteer with community based projects such as Kid's Fishing Day and River Cleanup.

**STAY INFORMED WITH ACTION POINTS:** Periodically we will send action alerts to our members.

**RESPOND TO ISSUES:** In Wyoming, your voice is heard and makes a difference.

**SUPPORT TROUT UNLIMITED:** This organization is "with the program"! TU is a significant player in protecting and improving trout habitat and promoting an understanding of coldwater fisheries in Wyoming. Fisherman directly benefit from their activities: DAWGs is actively partnering with Trout Unlimited and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department for the benefit of our fishery.



# Dubois Anglers & Wildlife Group

[DawgsOnline.org](http://DawgsOnline.org)

## Winter 2013 Newsletter

### Our Mission

*The Dubois Anglers & Wildlife Group (DAWGs) is a non-profit organization committed to the preservation and protection of the recreational and aesthetic quality of the Upper Wind River watershed. The group's purpose is to promote a scientific understanding of the watershed and to establish benchmarks for restoration, preservation, and long term fishery management which will sustain quality fishing and riparian life. DAWGs works closely with other local organizations and the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. The group's support comes from local anglers and visitors who share a respect for the World Class fishing opportunities in the Dubois area. Please visit our website for updates on current DAWGs projects, local fishing reports, photo gallery, maps and other area information.*

### Irrigation Ditch Projects

Beginning in 2006, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, DAWGs, and Trout Unlimited became interested in learning more about fish loss through irrigation ditches, and the potential for mitigation of loss through modification of existing water diversion systems. These issues were a primary focus for DAWGs in 2012.

### Horse Creek Diversion Project

Horse Creek, an important tributary of the Wind River, is a major irrigation water source for the Diamond D Cattle Company. An aging head gate and diversion on state land above the ranch were significant barriers to fish travel. Each year prior to the irrigation season, push up dams had to be constructed to create water flow into the head gate channel resulting in disruption of the stream bed and blocked fish migration at low water flows.

The entire head gate and feeder channel were rebuilt and a series of stepped rock veins were created to ensure flow into the head gate channel while allowing fish travel. The project began in April of 2012 and was completed in time for the irrigation season. Many partners made this effort by Wyoming Game and Fish possible: the Diamond D and EA Ranches, Trout Unlimited, the U.S. Forest Service, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Wyoming Wildlife Natural Resource Trust, Wyoming State Lands, Sage Engineering of Cody, and DAWGs.

For more information and photos see: <http://dawgsonline.org/horse-creek-project-update-video/>.



### 2013 DAWGs Board

**President:** Leon Sanderson  
**Vice President:** Larry Lewis  
**Treasurer:** Bill Copeland  
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Dave Dufek, Kevin Johnson,  
Brad Marlow, Frank Nappi, Neil  
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*A day spent on the river is never forgotten.*

## The Holmes Ditch

The Holmes ditch provides irrigation water from the Wind River to irrigators in the valley west of Dubois and south of the highway from its diversion at Stoney Point. Work is currently underway on the new Holmes ditch head gate and fish screen. This effort is a win-win deal for both irrigators and fishery enthusiasts. Partner organizations included: Wyoming Game and Fish Dept., Trout Unlimited, U.S. Forest Service, Wyoming Wildlife Natural Resource Trust, One Fish Engineering of Fort Collins, Co., and the private land owner on which the head gate is situated. The project is slated for completion in spring of 2013.

## Bear Creek

Bear Creek is a tributary of the East Fork of the Wind River located on the Inberg/Roy Wildlife Habitat Management Area. Three and a half miles of this stream are designated with an in stream flow water right which protects water flow in streams for the benefit of fish. Since 1995, the entire East Fork drainage has been managed as a wild native trout fishery.

A new diversion and head gate was recently installed on Bear Creek by the Wyoming Game and Fish to supply irrigation water for the meadows which provide forage for wintering elk. This new structure includes a fish friendly diversion and push up dam, a fish screen, and a fish passage to allow fish to return to the creek. Prior studies had shown that a significant amount of fish were lost through entrainment in the Bear Creek ditch. This effort is part of Wyoming Game & Fish Department's ongoing commitment to improve habitat for both fish and wildlife in our state.



### Adopt-A-Trout

Trout Unlimited's pilot program in the Dubois Schools has enjoyed great success since it's final willow planting project on the Wind River in May, 2011. This year there are six schools across Wyoming involved with Adopt-A-Trout.

## SPONSORED EVENTS AND PROJECTS IN 2012

During 2012 DAWGs financially supported the following:

**Casting for Recovery:** fishing day in Dubois

**Wounded Warriors:** fishing day in Dubois

**Kid's Fishing Day:** fishing day at Scout's Pond

**Scholarships:** for two Dubois High School graduates

**Yellowstone Lake Fisheries Research:** Transmitters for lake trout study

**Fishing the Upper Wind River Access Maps:** reprinting and distribution through a cooperative effort with WY Game & Fish and DAWGs



## A BIG SUCCESS! DAWGs Annual August Fundraising Event

**We welcomed 24 new members!**

**We celebrated our current membership of 175 members!**

**We raised over \$5,000.00!**

**A big THANKS to all who helped to make this event fun and successful.!**



### DAWG'S ANNUAL RAFFLE

Dubois Anglers & Wildlife Group



**BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

**1 TICKET FOR \$5.00 OR**

**5 TICKETS FOR \$20.00!**

### HARDY ROD AND REEL

Donated by Absaroka Ranch, Frank Nappi, Extreme Surveys, and Marlow's Fly Shop

### SPRINGFIELD XDM, 45 APC PISTOL

**WITH NIGHT SIGHT**

Donated by Bert Milton Realty and Trail's End Guns

### BRUNTON BINOCULARS

Donated by DAWGS



## Sawmill Access Site

The big news is the current construction of the Dubois Assisted Living Center which is scheduled for completion in 2013. We will soon have residents who can enjoy the newly constructed river walk and fishing access sites along the Wind River on the east side of town! The Town of Dubois has received grant funding to clean up the remaining debris piles at the old sawmill site which is scheduled to occur soon. The proposed construction of Pete's Pond in the northeast section of the site is in the preliminary feasibility study stage. We hope to move forward with this exciting project in the near future!

