



Weekly Highlights

April 2009

I. Departmental/Bureau News

- **Upcoming**

Presentation on trout hybridization: USGS scientist Clint Muhlfeld will present “Rainbows VS. Natives: It’s a Cutthroat Competition.”, a discussion on hybridization between native cutthroat trout and non native rainbow trout in the Flathead River System, on April 29th in Glacier National Park. (Clint Muhlfeld, U.S. Geological Survey Glacier Field Station, Glacier National Park, MT; 406-888-7926; cmuhlfeld@usgs.gov).

- **Current.**

USGS scientist Dan Fagre will be featured in an episode of PBS NOW entitled “On Thin Ice” with David Brancaccio and Conrad Anker, airing April 17th. To view a description of the program and to see programming times, visit <http://www.pbs.org/now/on-thin-ice-preview.html>.

(Dan Fagre, U.S. Geological Survey Glacier Field Station, Glacier National Park, MT; 406-888-7922; dan_fagre@usgs.gov)

II. Agency Work on Presidential Initiatives

III. Notable Congressional Activity

IV. Press/Media Inquiries

- **Newspapers/magazines/wires, etc.**

USGS scientist Chuck Schwartz was interviewed by Jeff Rennie of National Parks Magazine on April 3rd about his perceptions of a recent study on amphibian decline in Yellowstone National Park. The article will be released in a future issue of the publication.

USGS researcher Jeff Stetz gave a public presentation on March 31st in Glacier National Park about his work with the Northern Divide Grizzly Bear Project. The

presentation inspired an article by Jim Mann of the Dailey Interlake entitled *Candid cameras capture wildlife*, which was published on April 2nd.

USGS scientist Chuck Schwartz was interviewed by Karl Puckett of the Great Falls Tribune on April 9th. The interview was about bear den emergence in the Rocky Mountain Front compared to Yellowstone. The article came out on April 10th.

USGS scientist Kim Keating was interviewed by Ben Gadd of Patagonia Magazine on April 9th. The magazine will feature Keating's research on Waterton-Glacier bighorn sheep in one of their upcoming catalogues. The date of publication is unknown.

USGS scientist Chuck Schwartz was interviewed by Matthew Brown of the Associated Press on April 15th. The interview was about mortality of grizzly bears in the Yellowstone Ecosystem. The article came out in multiple newspapers throughout the region on April 16^h.

USGS scientist Clint Muhlfeld was interviewed on April 22nd by Steve Geuttermann of the Montana Water Center, a Montana State University based research center. The interview was about Muhlfeld's work with native bull and cutthroat trout. The interview will be featured in the next Water Center publication in May.

- **Broadcasts and Film**

USGS scientist Clint Muhlfeld was interviewed by National Geographic's Jenny Ewig on March 26th. National Geographic will be featuring Glacier National Park in a TV series titled "America's Wild Places". They will film a segment in July about the Muhlfeld's project on native fisheries, exotic invasive species issues and the proposed open-pit coal mining and coalbed methane drilling in the transboundary Flathead system.

USGS scientist Kim Keating was interviewed by National Geographic's Jenny Ewig on April 7th. National Geographic will be featuring Glacier National Park in a TV series titled "America's Wild Places". They may include a segment featuring Keating's research on Waterton-Glacier bighorn sheep. Filming will begin in July and other NOROCK scientist involved in this feature include:

Katherine Kendall – Northern Divide Grizzly Bear Project

Dan Fagre – Climate Change in Mountain Ecosystems Program

Clint Muhlfeld – native fish populations within the Northern Divide Ecosystem

USGS scientist Dan Fagre was interviewed by Katrin Frye of Montana Public Radio on April 14th about his recent trek to Mt. Everest and work on climate change effects on glaciers. The interview was aired on Monday, April 15th.

- **Upcoming News Releases**
- **Other (forum meeting, press conference, media training, etc.**

V. Key FOIA Requests