

EASTERN SIERRA FOCUS

By CJ Webb - September 2022

Mule Deer Summer Migration has slowed and most of the females have fawns. Please be alert and leave any young alone as the mother will return. Glance left and right along the road edges as Deer browse the brush along the roadside and cross the road to get to water. Early morning and dusk are the worst times so please be vigilant and stay alive. **ALERT:** The roadside area of US Hwy. 395 is a major deer crossing so stay alert and don't be a statistic. Deer will eventually start their "return" to their winter homes along the Mono Basin and as far east as Hawthorne NV.

Weather – A Somewhat Prediction

Temperatures began to cool down on the 18th due to the cloud cover of the tropical system. This is when we saw the temps begin to drop, and a system moved through dropping 2 inches of snow at the resort. Temps were in the low 30's through the 22nd and the warmer afternoons kicked in. Autumn temps will slowly increase then continue through the weekend and even into next week with the potential for rain setting up but again this may depend on southern troughing.

2021 Inland Water Fishing Regulations have changed, so download the app to see if there are any changes to the waters you enjoy fishing.

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/regulations>. *They click on Freshwater Regulations - then follow the instructions for your phone.*

FISHY NEWS - UPDATE of AB-817

AB-817: Sport fishing licenses: electronic display: 12-consecutive-month licenses. On 07-OCT-21 the following history action was applied: "**signed by the Governor**", and **Chaptered, meaning it will go into effect in January according to Assemblyman Wood's office in Sacramento.**

Fishing TIP:

Late season fishing can be good on many trout streams, but it takes some perseverance. Cold water requires serious feeding activity to limited hours each day and timing is crucial. Patience is as important as presentation and casting ability. More than anything else, fly fishers must fend off the cold.

Frigid temperatures impact the body and equipment; freezing reels, frozen guides, numb toes, and fingertips so cold you can't manipulate your line making conditions intolerable. This is part of the game during the colder part of the summer months of the year we have to deal with.

Freezing hands– Try Nitrile Gloves
Fingerless gloves are a requirement when fishing in cold conditions and provide the nimbleness needed to manage fly line. But those digits can still go uncomfortably numb.. Using nitrile gloves as an insert comes very close to solving this problem and creates a barrier between the

skin and the combination of water and wind that freezes fingertips. At the same time, they are thin enough to allow fly line-handling dexterity.

Using nitrile gloves do not insulate from the cold. They do, however, keep them from getting so cold that fishing is uncomfortable. And one thing to consider is they are easier on the fish when you have to handle and release them.

AT THE BENCH

LOON FLY DIP - A wide-mouth tub of liquid, cloudy and mysterious stuff. Amazing stuff! Fly Dip gets more useful when I want to restore a drowned dry fly. Normally, I pat the fly dry on something: Amadou is great; tissue or clothing works too - then put the fly in a tub of powdered floatant. It comes out looking strange and dusty but the excess powder usually casts off and the fly is good enough for a few more drifts. Loon offers no information about what this mixture is, or how it works its magic. My guess is the liquid has two effects in drawing the water out of the damp fly, and also leaving the fly with a very hydrophobic residue. I'm impressed.

The tub is 2 ounces, which is handy for keeping on your tying bench. Dipping flies seems to use the contents faster, maybe I need to hold the fly over the bottle to catch the excess.

This is a very good floatant and ideal for those flies which can be dunked whole but not quite as good for just parts of the fly, but one of the best ways to restore CdC I've come across. Loonoutdoors \$10-12 for a 2oz bottle.

Veniard Sheer 14/0 Thread

Strong fine thread that grips, flattens and splits and feels like a single strand thread. It flattens well as I spin the bobbin, so on top of this being a fine thread (meaning SHEER) with very little thread buildup and splits well using a sharp needle. It's strong when you pull it to breaking and a match for some of the more usual 8/0 threads. And, as you pull to breaking you feel no stretch, feels like a polyester thread .

Sheet fits into my tying and, I've used this on smaller flies, even up to 20 (yikes) There are twelve colors with spools approximately 300 feet (100m) from Veniard.

Fly Tying Tip –Rope Dubbing

Don Ordes demonstrates a method of rope dubbing on his web-site (www.FantasyFlies.com[site is bad]) but here is a description of this method. This is an excellent method!

The video (\$30) on YouTube allows only 3 viewing's, a bit pricey to learn this method. If you look for Gary LaFontaine's Twist nymph pattern you can watch it without cost. It's also good.

1. Start with mono waxed thread on the hook. Next, pull several strands of dubbing out of the package. Align the fibers until they form a loose noodle of dubbing, and tie one end of the noodle dubbing to the hook. Position the bobbin and fibers in the left hand, and spread the dubbing above and along the thread.
2. Keep the thread under tension while twisting the

noodle of dubbing (in a clockwise direction) first with the right hand and then the left. Here the authors illustrate twisting with the right hand.

3. Now you twist the dubbing with the left hand. Keep repeating this process until the noodle of dubbing is twisted around the thread as tight as needed to form the body. Unlike the regular dubbing process, the thread core does not get twisted, only the dubbing fibers are twisted around the thread core.
4. You may now wrap the dubbing rope on the hook to form the body of the fly. Do not allow the tension on the twisted fibers to loosen or the noodle or the noodle will lose its shape. On the other hand, you can purposefully relax tension on the noodle to increase its volume or add tension to decrease its size. You can also slide the dubbing noodle up and down the thread to adjust the thickness of the material while keeping the fibers under tension.

Infamous Fly-Tying Hints

1. Head cement does not make everything better, unless you're accidentally inhaling it.
2. Never confront the fly shop cashier with a tantrum about why a four-inch square of elk ass fuzz costs three dollars. It's not his fault.
3. When borrowing tying material from the bodies of dogs, cats, and parakeets, make sure they're asleep.
4. Flies with simple names (Adams, Coachman, Cahill) work better than names you have made up for your flies (CJ's Rainbow Torpedo Maribou Destroyer Thang).
5. Do not—repeat, NOT—put a size 20 hook in your mouth to hold it while you gather up the materials upon which to tie it. They really do work, particularly if barbed.
6. Make certain that you do lay out all your tying materials first for a specific pattern, so that when you sneeze, all of it will land in about the same area.
7. Fly tying saves money like defense contracting protects America.

LOWER OWENS – Water and fishing conditions are good - Flows are at [172.4 cfs as of 9/27](#)

Flows are coming down slowly; they may come down faster with the expected cool down.

Cooler water temperatures (upper 50's early/ low-mid 60's in the afternoon) have definitely improved the fishing despite the weak hatches. Fishing has been good from 6-10am with Trico imitations and large caddis pupa patterns. Also, Craneflies are starting to come off midmorning until early afternoon. They look like a PMD at first glance but the "tail" is really the back legs and they have protrusions on the top of their heads. There's virtually no surface activity in the morning and the evening has some but not consistently. If you think a run is too shallow or fast it's probably just right is still the case. Add the drop-offs from riffles into the deep bends as well, EXCEPT early mornings when the fish will be in slower water feeding on Tricos.

The Tiny BWO hatch is slowing down, still starts around 10 but is sporadic. This used to be considered

part of the PMD family but have been reclassified to Baetis. These guys are tiny, #22-26. The Trico mayfly hatch is at full strength, males emerging in the evenings and females in the morning with egg laying starting 9-10. That of course includes midges all day long and craneflies after 9 am. Evenings are getting better, small pale #20 mayflies, Trico male emergence and caddis. If you see what looks like a white caddis zigzagging low over the water it's actually an aquatic moth and only the small fish seem willing to try and catch them. DRIES: Try Cahill light, black/white spinner #16, or a PMD #16, Extended Body BWO #16-20, Hi-Vis PMD #16-18, Stillborn Midge #20-22, Griffith's Gnat #22-24, CDC Transition midge #20-22, Slvrnm Stillborn Caddis #16-18, Elk Hair Skaddis #16, Tan Stimulator #14-16, Headlight Yellow Sally #16-18 and CDC Baetis #22-24. NYMPH: Pheasant Tail #14-18, Caddis Cased #12, Zebra Midge #18-22, Weiss BP light or dark #18-20, Bottom Roller Phsyco Rhyco #10-14, Juju Baetis #16-22, Pearl & Orange #16 |Chamois caddis #16-20, TB Millers +1 Lt #16-18, Lexi Girdle Bug Tan/Black #6 and HDA Fav. Variant #12-16. STREAMERS: Woolly Bugger Olive & Black #10-12 and Mini Sculpin Olive & Black #10-12. Guides Hint: Don't ignore the fish rising in the shallow water on the inside of the bends. They're usually a lot bigger than you thought.

ROCK CREEK – Same Report - This is a great creek to fly fish in the afternoons when other waters at lower elevations get too hot to safely practice catch and release. Dry flies or dry and a dropper will fool the opportunistically feeding trout. Fly fish with your favorite dry fly. The trout in the slow still water sections are super spooky and hard to catch if you don't have a stealthy approach and a well placed cast. Even when I think I do everything right the trout still spook. The pocket water and riffles in the steeper sections are much more forgiving as the trout are not as spooky. Try a size 16 bed head flash back gold ribbed hare's ear nymph and fish three feet under a size 16 Adams parachute in the lake or a super flashy woolly bugger. Upper creek has been good if you can find some side water or pools along the trail in the bushy areas. Very nice action but there is some mosquitoes that have survived their blood drought and returned with a vengeance, you should see my calves. Take along small gnats, black ants and a few hoppers. This report is good most of the summer due to the elevation and water temperatures through the area.

UPPER OWENS – Flows are 48cfs as of 9/27.

Water Conditions: Fair. The stretch of river above Benton Crossing Road is artificial, barbless, catch and release only. The reason why the flows in the Owens don't go up and down much is that it is common for Deadman Creek to go underground up above 395 during drought years. The water gets dirtier and has more debris the further downstream you go. The water below Hot Creek has gotten dirtier but above Hot Creek it's still clean.

The fall pattern is upon us, crowded on the weekends and generally pretty empty midweek. Hoppers are still working well, hopefully for a while longer. We are starting to see some lake fish up above Benton Crossing so don't be afraid to throw streamers of all sizes. Water temperature wise, temperatures at noon down towards the lake of 60 so it should be in the clear. If you want to fish dries and size isn't a concern break out the 2 weight and have fun with the 4-10 inchers. Tricos should be winding down soon but for now the hatch is still going but a little later, 8-10. Also a mystery mayfly about the same time, #16-18, probably a Mahogany dun.

Remember the male Trico emergence in the evening. It's good to remember that there aren't a lot of "resident" fish in the Upper Owens, it's basically a nursery for Crowley Lake and as they get bigger most of them will move down to the lake. The fish that haven't gone to the lake yet tend to be pickier because it's their natural environment. Right now, the water temperature ranges between the low 80s and high 90s. If you're not familiar with it, to get to the upper most branch of Hot Creek, go through the first drive through gate on the main road and immediately turn left. The confluence is between the first and second walk-thru gates.

DRIES: Griffiths Gnat #20-24, Para Adams #20-24, CDC Transition Midge #20-24, Extended PMD #16-18, Tan Stimulators #14-16, Beck's Sulphur Emerger #16-20, CDC Emerger Baetis #24 (for the caddis), Parachute Caddis Grey #22, Z Wing Real Midge #22-26, CDC Spring Creek Hopper Tan #14-16, Para Hopper #10-14 and Elk Hair Caddis #12-16. NYMPHS: Zebra Midge #16-22, Copper John #14-16, PMD Duster #14-16, B/H Pheasant tail #14-18, Bling Midge #22-24, Tungsten Olive Mic Drop #16-18 and San Juan worms assorted colors and Birds Nest Natural #16-20. STREAMERS: Shock Collar Leech #10, Woolly Bugger White or Olive #6-14, Punk Perch light or dark #10-16 and Baby Fat Minnow.

CROWLEY LAKE – Lake Elevation is at [6763.4 as of 9/27](#). The algae bloom has gotten worse and hard to predict. The Health Department has issued a warning that the algae buildup on parts of the lake has the potential to be a health hazard.

Stillwater fly fishing tournament was (9/17) in the north arm. Don't get stuck in a rut, do some exploring and don't be afraid to leave the herd behind. Having said all that, it seems that it was the north arm but now it's flip-flopping between the north and McGee Bay in 12-18 feet of water. Best guess, all those fish in 20'+ are perch and chub. Also the fish have gone back to eating midges and there are days midges are all they seem to want. It's real easy to fixate on perch patterns but don't forget Damsels, Callibaetis and Midges. Once again, if you think the glory shot is more important than the fish's health you'll end up killing lots of fish. If your deeper than 10' or so, giving the fish a hard shove to get him into colder water is simply out of sight out of mind, they won't make it. Keep them in the water and release quickly. Dries: Nymphs: Balanced Hares Ear Tan or

Olive #12-16, Ultra Damsel #14, Dainty Damsel #12, Janssen's Emerging Callibaetis #14-16, Albino Baron, Zebra red/Gold or Black/Silve and Copper Clown and Copper Tiger. Streamers: Marabou Leech Burgundy or Brown #12, Perfection Perch #4 and 8, Hornberg #8-14, Baby Fat Minnow, Punk Perch #14-16 and Cheech Leech #1.

HOT CREEK - Flow is [29.9cfs as of 9/27 with water conditions fair](#). Remember, these are the flows just below Highway 395 on Mammoth Creek. Interpretive Site Fair-Good but very crowded. Canyon Section is fair. Tricos, small caddis and midges in the morning with scattered mayfly and caddis midday. The evening Hatches are male Tricos and micro caddis, the caddis are #24-28 but #20-22 are working. Also Scuds all day and the morning Cranefly emergence can't be far off. The Interpretive Site has a lot more activity but the fish are educated, it's all about the drift. The canyon is picking up, still weedy but not crowded. Still use a 4 second drift and finish with an aggressive pickup, you will hook fish you never knew existed. DRIES: R.P. Emerger #22, Parachute Adams # 16-20, Mother Shucker #24, CDC Baetis Dun #18-24, Griffith's Gnat #20-24, Stillborn Midge Black #20-22, Hi-Vis Baetis #16-20, Para Caddis #18-22, Elk Hair Skaddis #18-22, Spent Partridge Caddis #18-22, Brooks Hot Creek Caddis #22, Tan Stimulator #14-16 and Sparkle Dun Foam PMD #16-18. NYMPHS: T Midge #24, Zebra Midge #18-22, Juju Baetis #16-20, Medallion Midge #18-24, Buckskin #16-20, Split Case PMD #16-18, CDC Transition Midge #18-22, Scuds grey #14-18, Tailwater Sowbug Rainbow #16-18, Bling Midge Brown #24, TB Millers+1LT #16-18, Nori's Caddis #20-22, Copper Bead Micro Stone #14-18 and Tung Yellow Sallie #16-18. STREAMERS: Mini Sculpin Orange #6, Slumbuster Natural #10 and Hornberg #10-14.

CONVICT LAKE – This is a rush for the last of the summer anglers to get in some fishing and recreating so there's all kinds of watercraft on the water. Stick with the basics similar to June Lake or Silver Lake and stay away from the party boats; they seem to have taken over the larger bodies of water that allow gas motors. Don't throw the baby out with the bathwater as there can be some great fishing from a Pontoon or larger Kayak with conditions are obviously favorable.

MAMMOTH LAKES BASIN – No Report. Again, some of these lakes are getting into the recreational use of water crafts and make it hard to get serious about fly fishing, so check out the web-sites to see the type of crafts they rent and the size of the lake and see if it has potential for your particular type of fly fishing.

SAN JOAQUIN - Flows are at [8.7cfs as of 9.27](#).

Fishing conditions and Hatches: Fair
After last weeks rain the flows are a little above normal but nobody's been heading down there, if I get any reports I'll pass them along. In the mean time it should be a good place to hide. Dries: Elk Hair Caddis #12-18,

Para Caddis #14-20, Sparkle Flag PMD #16-18, Lawson's Thorax PMD #16-18, CDC Mahogany Dun #12-16, Tan Stimulators #14-16 and Para Light Cahill #18-22. Nymphs: Tungsten Black Beauty #20-22, Nori's Caddis #18-22, BH Prince #10-20, Juju Baetis #18-22 and Iron Sally #14-16.

JUNE LOOP – Gull or Silver Lakes would be the best bet this late as Rush Creek is closed due to spawning. But current cloud cover will bring more fish up from the colder water as it moves upward during the night temperatures. Gull reported some nice fish as did June Lake. Check their web-sites to get the latest on fly fishing.

LUNDY LAKE – Resort is closed this summer.

No report. Check with Beaver's Sporting Goods in Lee Vining (ask for Wayne, Brad or Margie). Assuming you know the lake and how to fish it this time of year should work. Good hatches have been off and on due to the lack of inflow from Twenty Lakes Basin. Large streamers trolled slowly from a tube along the south shore avoiding shore anglers. Also try the ponds beyond the store for some nice three-weight action. The waterfall is still nice, drive up and hit the water, it should be great. Whatever is working in the June Loop should also work here. Fish are still being stocked according to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Water level is very low and will be hard to put your boat in, so use floaters from the damn area to get out there. Don't let the lake level discourage you from fishing there, the trout are down deep, and give it a try.

VIRGINIA LAKES – OM Goodness! – It happened again last Saturday and Sunday around 5:30pm, another spinner falls (9/24-25) two nights in a row on Little Virginia. The rises are dozens or more at a time. I used a pair of bino's and could not believe my eyes again. I'm dumb founded as I watch this amazing hatch occur.

September's temperature was up and down with creating a low that burned the aspens into the start of their metamorphosis with a slow color change into a full-on yellow at the resort in 4 days, and the run-off from the upper canyon is over but fishing has been good regardless of the amount of anglers bait fishing so the best way to get into fish is either arrive at 6am or late afternoon, but personal watercraft always does a good job. Olive bead head Woolly Buggers, Jay's Wiggle Tail in rust, balanced leech and Loe's punk perch with a bushier marabou tail have also been working. Dragon flies, Damsels, Damsels and more Damsels, stoneflies, tent wing caddis, spruce moths are all doing a great job. Lots of other patterns are working but the emergers were taking top spot and getting picked off one at a time especially in flat water when you can see the rise. Along with heavy dark olive Doc's Twin Lakes special with a prince, Zug Bug, or pheasant tail dropper, all black elk hair caddis, my special ant pattern, and bead head Matukas, or try your trusted patterns. For top water addicts, try small dark dries, ants, small hoppers along the shore and Adams para as a searching pattern.

TRUMBULL LAKE (Same report) was stocked with BFEF trout from Desert Springs with a full load of fish on the 20th of June 2022. And another private party paid for a load early in July. The latest report was small brook trout were being caught and released but no great quantity, probably due to the lack of stocking. I do not believe that removing this lake from the "Fishmas Opener" was the best option regarding the logistics of the two others lakes are open the last Saturday in April.

BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR – No fly Report.

Water is still very warm and you should talk to Chase at the Marina.

EAST WALKER – Flows are at 51.47cfs as of 9/27

Water conditions are fair. Fishing conditions are poor and hatches are fair. Good news: Small trout and baby crayfish are everywhere, and the water temperature is coming down. Bad news: Flows are low, water is very off color and outside of the midge hatches are very inconsistent. I think with the water temperature coming down the fishing could be turn around and the Baetis hatch should be starting soon. Baby Crayfish, Scuds and Damsel nymphs in the slow water. DRIES: Caddis Adult Tan #14-16, Chernobyl Ant #12-14, Chernobyl, org/grz #6-8, Parachute Adams #16-22, Elk Hair Caddis #12-14, Mini Mouse #10. NYMPHS: Prince Nymph #12-12, Bottom Roller Psycho #10-12, Copper Zebra #16-2, Zebra black/silver #20-24, Zac Attack Damsel #14, Glass Bead Micro May Olive #22-24, S&M Nymph #18-22, Tungsten Jig Baetis #18-20, TTS Opal B/L #14-18, JuJu Baetis # 22-24, V-Rib midge Claret #14-16 and Joe's Mini Crayfish #10.

STREAMERS: Meat Whistle, Baby fat Minnow #8, Belly Scratcher Minnow Chub #2, Bank Robber Sculpin #2, Punk Perch Light #10-14, Rio's Brown Town Tan #4 and Hornberg #6-12. EURO Streamers: GD UV P/Jig White #12 and Kaslar M/G/S Olive #12.

Ken's Report on the East Walker: "The EW is running about 51cfs right now and is fishing pretty well. It's still off color due to the algae going through the dam but the fish are still biting. The water temps are mostly in the low 60's and the fish are feeling fine. We've had reports of lots of smaller fish being caught as well as some fish pushing 20 inches. Streamers in the mornings have been producing and mostly nymphs throughout the day. Some patterns to try: sculpzilla, razor craw, dead drift crayfish, zuddler, San Juan worm, squirmy wormy, Perdigon nymph, soft hackle, Zebra midge, Darth baetis, buckskin caddis, Fox's poopah.

The Bridgeport Fish Enhancement Foundation is having their Fall Trout Tournament on October 8, 2022 coming up. Entry fees are \$75 for adults and \$40 for junior anglers 15 and younger. Go to www.bridgeportfish.com for more information.

Please check out the Random information section below regarding the petition Jim Reid is working on to get the East Walker River regulations changed to catch

and release. If you are in agreement with this idea please sign the petition and share it with anyone you think would like to see this change, in just a short time we have over 1500 signatures so hopefully that number will keep increasing. Jim said, "I've started a change.org petition to try to encourage the Department of Fish and Wildlife to re-consider the East Walker River regulation changes they made a couple seasons ago. Most importantly they doubled the limit on the river and got rid of the barbless hook requirement which I believe in the long run will be extremely detrimental to the fishery as a whole. A lot of anglers still pinch their barbs and we encourage them to do so but there are still a lot of anglers who don't take the time to do that. My petition proposes that they go all the way and make the East Walker River artificial flies or lures only, single barbless hooks, zero fish limit (catch and release only) and open all year long. If you would like to see the regulations on the river change please go to <https://chnng.it/Jzv5JzSy> and cast your vote."

This information is on Ken's Facebook page, feel free to vote and share as often as you like. If he gets a lot of signatures hopefully we can get the DFW to take a closer look at the regulations for the EW and maybe make some changes."

HONEYWELL POND – No Report

SCAIRINE RANCH - The reports we've heard from the ranch are much like the California side, lots of good nymphing and some good streamer action thrown in. Much the same patterns seem to be working on the Nevada side as on the Cali side. There's openings on the ranch, if you're interested just give us a call.

KIRMAN – We didn't talk to anyone about Kirman this week but based on the reports from last week I'd expect it to still be fishing well. Pack some leech and scud patterns as well as a handful of soft hackles and you should be able to have a good time. Ken's report. I talked to a couple guys two days ago that caught 3 each and they were very nice Brook trout, have two more guys coming back today with another report for next issue. Cj

Repeating the News from the June Report:

Kirman Lake stocked with 3500 trophy Brook trout, June 30, 2022.

The Department amps up efforts to offset losses due to bacterial outbreaks in local hatcheries.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) recently stocked 3500 large Brook trout into Kirman Lake in Mono County as part of an ongoing commitment to restore one of the West's best trophy Brook trout fisheries.

Kirman Lake is 'special regulation' water that opens to fishing the last Saturday in April through Nov. 15th each year. Only artificial lures maybe use used. Only two trout maybe taken with a minimum size limit of 18 inches in total length per fish. Note: See the May issue for the full article.

WEST WALKER – Flow is 37.3cfs as of 9/27. The Fly anglers are still doing well with Schroeder's flying black ants #14 or 16, fur body black ants #12, hoppers (small and large, skawla type are great) stimulators, copper johns, pheasant tails and prince nymphs. Look for curves, calm side water, edges and pools to temp those wary trout.

CA Dept of Fish and Wildlife 2021 Regulations:

Please provide comments to these changes you feel would be detrimental to the resource. They need your input in order to make informed decisions on all these waters.

Every person or agency recommending that regulations be added, amended, or repealed must submit a petition to the Commission at the site listed: (<https://fgc.ca.gov/Regulations/Petition-for-Regulation-Change>) using this petition form. You can contact their office to see when the next meeting will be held to submit regulation changes on time and whatever is on the books today can be changed. Also include your comments to Governor Newsom at: (<https://govapps.gov.ca.gov/gov40mail/>). Here is the Executive Director's contact information: Melissa Miller-Henson - fgc@fgc.ca.gov (916) 653-4899 or (916) 653-7229.

NOTE: You must fill out the form in its entirety and reference the statutory or constitutional authority of the Commission to take the action requested (see page 2, item number 2) and without this they will disregard your petition.

Fly-Fishing Apps

onWATER.com App provides boundaries that are found on maps, but now they're on an app so you can explore your water with confidence.

It's Your Water...Explore It - Everything you need to plan your trip, explore your water and relive your experience. Plus we're constantly adding rivers and updating info. From your laptop to your phone it's like having a seasoned guide at your side.

Know Before You Go - Whether you're planning a fly fishing destination trip, just getting out for a day or exploring water on the app instead of working, all the things you need are right at your fingertips.

Detailed River Maps and Real Time Data - Locate access points, boat ramps, camping, parking, and know the distance between them, so you never miss a take-out or honey hole again. Plus Current River flows and weather, everything you need to know is in this app. And you won't have to fold it up after you glance at it.

Public and Private Land Boundaries - Stream access laws and public land overlays help you plan where to fish and eliminate the worry that you may be on private property (onWater is for the angler that likes to fish a lot and not make waves).

Local Fishing Reports and Fly Shops - Connect with local fly shops that serve the area you're exploring. Get

current fishing reports, hot flies, stream flows, weather and more. It's your one-touch guide to all the local experts.

Catch and Relive - Snap a quick photo of your catch before releasing it, and add it to your trip log. Uploading the photo also captures the river, flow and weather. Then archive by trip, water, date or other categories. Add trip notes like the fly used, GPS coordinates and how much bigger your fish was compared to your fishing buddy's. \$3.99/mo. or \$39.99/yr.

"Fish Head Nervous Water "App, \$6.99 iPhone and Android

Not only the best app for steelhead rivers, but surf, and also helpful in most any trout-fishing situation around the country. It has a river directory with flows and where and when to find the best windows of action. It's handy when you're actually packing to go fishing; it's quick, organized with the most pertinent information available.

Orvis Fly Fishing Green Mountain - Digital, iPhone, Android is a grand-daddy of fly fishing apps that is free and packed with tons of general interest fly-fishing news, advice, discussion and entertainment you'll never be able to digest it all. It has Tom Rosenbauer's podcasts, casting videos for every stream, flats, or surf situation; knot -tying instruction, fishing reports, up -to-date news feeds, fly pattern descriptions and recommendations with built-in links so you can buy flies you're interested in. It's sort of geared toward beginners, but its solid information and we could all use a little tune-up now and again. Loren Elliott

The Pocket Fisherman by Magic Mobile

This app will help you find out more about the specific species of fish, as well as regulations and records of 49 Continental states regarding fishing in their deep waters. The app also comes with a GPS map that tracks the nearest tackle shops and marinas. You can easily identify the fish by either searching for its name or looking at the gallery of fish images. It's the most comprehensive fisherman app so far as it comes with a summary of each type of fish, description, appearance, weight, natural habitat, and its average length.

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

A reservation will be required to drive into Yosemite National Park through September 30, 2022, between 6 am and 4 pm.

www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/reservations.htm

Currently there are a lot of available dates through September. I have a pass every Tuesday through the 27th and it's good for 3 days.

CalTrans Highway work along US 395 – Check the District 9 CalTrans web-site for current status. There is a huge list of work that will be ongoing until the snow flies. Here is a link for more information.

D9PublicInfo@dot.ca.gov

Mono County:

BISHOP, Calif. -- The U.S. Forest Service will begin a tree removal operation to prepare for the upcoming reconstruction and widening of Reds Meadow Road. The work will primarily occur between Agnew Meadows and Minaret Vista starting on October 1. This will temporarily impact public access to the Reds Meadow Valley until the work is complete.

September 5: seasonal shuttle service to Reds Meadow ends. Please check with Eastern Sierra Transit Authority for additional information.

October 1: tree clearing will begin and there will be up to thirty minute traffic delays.

October 11: Reds Meadow Road will fully close to the public to ensure tree removal and hauling is completed before the winter weather arrives.

Overnight parking will not be available for backpackers in Reds Meadow Valley. Alternative routes for backpackers are being offered to wilderness permit holders. For more information, please contact our Wilderness Permit office at (760) 873-2483.

TIDBIT'S - Meteor Shower Calendar 2022

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>(no. per/hour)</u>
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Oct 8-10	Draconid late evening	6 NW
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Oct 20-21	Orionid Predawn	15 south
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Dec 13-14	Geminid all night	75 NE
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Predawn means between midnight and an hour before morning (twilight). BOLD - Most prominent.

*Strong moonlight will interfere with these showers.

Dates will vary slightly. See you on the water CJ! (9/22)