

## Dear Member of the Trout Unlimited Family:

I was on the Potomac this morning at dawn casting and jigging for stripers and shad. The fish were blithely unaware of the crisis taking place above their watery home—impervious to the new coronavirus that has upended our world.

We do not share that luxury.

COVID-19 reminds us every day that the health and safety of our families, colleagues, members, and supporters is the most important concern at a time like this.

Like many of you, we at Trout Unlimited have stopped traveling, canceled meetings, and closed offices.

But make no mistake, our staff are still working hard through these trying circumstances.

We will get through this, and we will do it together. And we will continue the good work of protecting and restoring the places we live, love and fish.

The work of Trout Unlimited brings hope.

Every time we protect a landscape, such as the Smith River in Montana, we remind our fellow citizens that we all play a role in protecting God's creation.

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Whenever we recover degraded streams, we give hope to people that their individual efforts are part of a larger movement to recover the lands and waters that sustain our great nation.

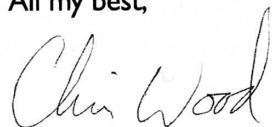
Conservation is the most optimistic idea that America ever gave the rest of the world, and with every mile of stream that we protect and restore, TU provides tangible evidence that collectively we can make a difference.

Because of all you do for your councils, chapters, and the national organization, we will emerge from this time of uncertainty stronger than ever before.

I look forward to seeing you on a river or stream soon. Until then, I invite you to connect with us "virtually": Visit [TU.org](http://TU.org) or, if you need to update or provide your email address, call us at 1-800-834-2419 or simply email us at [trout@tu.org](mailto:trout@tu.org). We'll keep you in the loop on everything from conservation projects to fly-tying instruction. Come check us out on social media and join the ongoing conversation. We want to hear from you.

And as always, please don't hesitate to contact me, or any of the team, if we can be of assistance.

All my best,



Chris Wood  
President & CEO