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CANCELLATION AND RESCHEDULING OF OPTU ROSE CANYON FISHING TRIP: DECEMBER 17, 2011

On Thursday, December 15th I took a chance on a day trip to Rose Canyon to assess the lake and snow conditions after our recent winter storm. I was a bit discouraged, but not surprised to find the access road leading to Rose Canyon covered with upwards of two feet of snow with drifts at almost four feet.

After quite a laborious hike down to the lake, I was disappointed to find the entire lake frozen. Based upon the future weather forecast for more mountain snow and chilly weather this upcoming weekend, I anticipate the lake may not be fishable for at least the next few weeks. This, of course, will be dependent on the weather in these next few weeks. I did include a few photographs of the wintry scene I encountered.

On Monday, December 26, 2011, OPTU will join with Project Healing Waters on a day trip to Grant Creek to try our hand at catching the elusive Apache trout. In the past, members of PHWFF have caught quite a few Apache's in a single day. For those who haven't yet had the opportunity to fish Grant Creek, it is located at Mount Graham which is where Fort Grant is located. The fort was built in 1872 as an outpost during the conflict between the U.S. Army cavalry and the Apache Indian tribe. The conflict concluded with the capture of Geronimo in 1886 and thus, the fort was closed. Presently, it serves as a state prison work camp.

Anyone interested in joining us on December 26th should meet us at 8:00 a.m. at the Shell truck stop/gas station directly off of I-10 at the Fort Huachuca/Interstate 90 exit. We can then arrange to carpool from this point to Grant Creek.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 520-885-8357. Look forward to seeing you there!

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