

## **Historic Firehole Ranch To Host Exclusive Women's World-Class Fly Fishing Week**

This summer join 20 other lucky women for the exclusive opportunity to fish the fabled waters of the Firehole Ranch. For the first time since 1947, this classic historic Montana lodge is hosting a "Women's Week," August 2-6, 2008, designed for discriminating fly fishing enthusiasts of all abilities. With a spectacular setting on Hebgen Lake, just outside of Yellowstone National Park, the Firehole offers an unmatched variety of blue ribbon trout waters; the Madison, Yellowstone, Henry's Fork of the Snake and many more. With the aim of increasing the proficiency of women anglers of all abilities, the week will feature an unheard of ratio of one guide for every two guests; allowing for highly individualized on-the-water instruction. Whether new to the sport or a seasoned veteran this will be a week sure to both challenge and inspire.

**West Yellowstone, Montana, January 18, 2008** – This summer disconnect from your modern wired world and come to the historic Firehole Ranch, located just outside of Yellowstone National Park, for an exclusive week of women's fly-fishing, August 2-6, 2008.

An Orvis endorsed lodge, nestled in the lodge pole pines on the bank of Hebgen Lake, the Firehole Ranch offers an unmatched variety of blue ribbon trout fishing opportunities. Led by renowned guide Alice Owsley, the Madison, Henry's Fork of the Snake, Yellowstone and many other fabled rivers and lakes will be the setting for clinics, classes and guided trips focused on encouraging the proficiency of women anglers.

With an unheard of ratio of one guides for every two guests for each angler, guests will enjoy highly individualized instruction designed to meet their unique needs. In addition, a variety of clinics will be offered, including improved nymphing techniques, beginning fly casting, the dynamics of drift boat fishing, and more. After a challenging day on the water, an on-site masseur will be available, if desired, to erase the physical demands of the day. World-renowned chefs Bruno and Kris Georgeton will create a week of memorable gourmet Western cuisine, capped by an unforgettable outside barbecue. There will also be a special evening of conversation and camaraderie with noted female angler, Patty Reilly.

Catering to the discriminating fly fishing enthusiast since 1947, the Firehole Ranch offers a cozy, friendly environment with the style, elegance and grace of yesteryear. This classic historic Montana lodge opens for a brief 14-week season, hosting a mere 20 guests a week. The majority of whom return each year to fish the unmatched variety of blue ribbon trout water. As Head Fishing Guide Rowan Nyman so blissfully puts it, "It is both a blessing and a curse that the greater Yellowstone area is laced with miles upon miles of world class, blue ribbon trout streams. There simply are too many rivers to fish in the Golden Triangle, that a whole season can go by without casting a fly into an old favorite water."

Ample opportunities for additional exploring are available in nearby Yellowstone National Park, Hebgen Lake, and the surrounding Gallatin National Forest. Horseback riding, canoeing, mountain biking, hiking, and swimming are all popular choices. The Ranch's head wrangler will be happy to create a custom day of horseback riding that might include a trip to nearby Coffin Lake for a picnic and some alpine fishing. The ranch has mountain bikes available to take advantage of the miles of nearby mountain bike trails. Sightseeing and wildlife viewing are readily available in both Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Park.

This summer, come to the Firehole Ranch and break your ties to the modern world. Spend some time getting to know a place, a people, and a way of life entirely different from your own. It is an experience guaranteed to change you, challenge you, and leave you inspired.

For additional information that is the subject of this release, contact: Lynda Caine, 406-646-7294, or visit [www.fireholeranch.com](http://www.fireholeranch.com).

About Firehole Ranch:

The Firehole Ranch is a rare place in today's fast-paced world. It seems to exist to teach a lesson about life, fly fishing and what is truly important. This is what Lynda Caine, owner, saw when in 1999 she saved the historic "Watkins Ranch" from being subdivided into 20-acre ranchettes. Over the years, spending summers on the lake and eventually purchasing her own nearby land, Lynda developed a love for this special place. She realized it must be preserved to continue to pass on its lesson to future generations. Caine takes great satisfaction in seeing her guests become centered again as they reconnect with themselves and the natural world around them. With a keen understanding of the symbiotic relationship of the ranch and the land around it, Caine practices good stewardship and sustainable practices. Her efforts to preserve the place, the structures, and the experience have resulted in the Firehole Ranch being listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

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