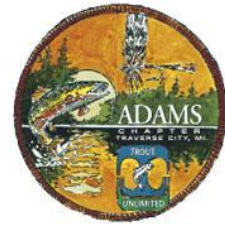


# ***The Adams Chapter of Trout Unlimited - # 676***

**Box 2129 . Traverse City, MI . 49685-2129**



February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010

To Whom it May Concern:

It's with great pleasure that the 330+ member, Traverse City based Adams Chapter of Trout Unlimited nominates nearly 10 miles of the Boardman River for addition into "gear-restricted" water. In addition, the Adams Chapter encourages the MDNRE Fisheries Division to adopt either "no kill" or slot limit restrictions due to the reported relative small size, young age-class, and low populations of both brook and brown trout within the proposed stretch.

The specific section (see attached map) is located in Grand Traverse County and starts at Supply Road just upstream from the Forks State Campground in Section 4 of Union Township (T.26N., R.9W.), downstream to Garfield Road in Section 21 of Paradise Township (T.26N., R.10W.). The entire stretch is dominated by public land with numerous access opportunities along Brown Bridge Road for the public. Furthermore, two state campgrounds (Scheck's & Forks) are located along this stretch.

The Boardman River is a state designated Natural River and Blue Ribbon trout stream. This stretch falls within the "Wild & Scenic" portion of the Natural River designation. The Boardman is a very stable groundwater-fed stream with cold temperatures. The MDNRE Fisheries Division has intensively surveyed this stretch of the Boardman River since 2000 and are planning to compile and release the data in a forth coming fisheries management plan.

Over the years, many Adams Chapter members who fish this stretch regularly have witnessed numerous live-bait fisherman that have a "kill their limit" instead of "limiting their kill" mentality. The proposed special regulations combined with a "no-kill" or slot limit management of the fishery will go a long way toward bolstering the quality of fishing along this stretch of the Boardman.

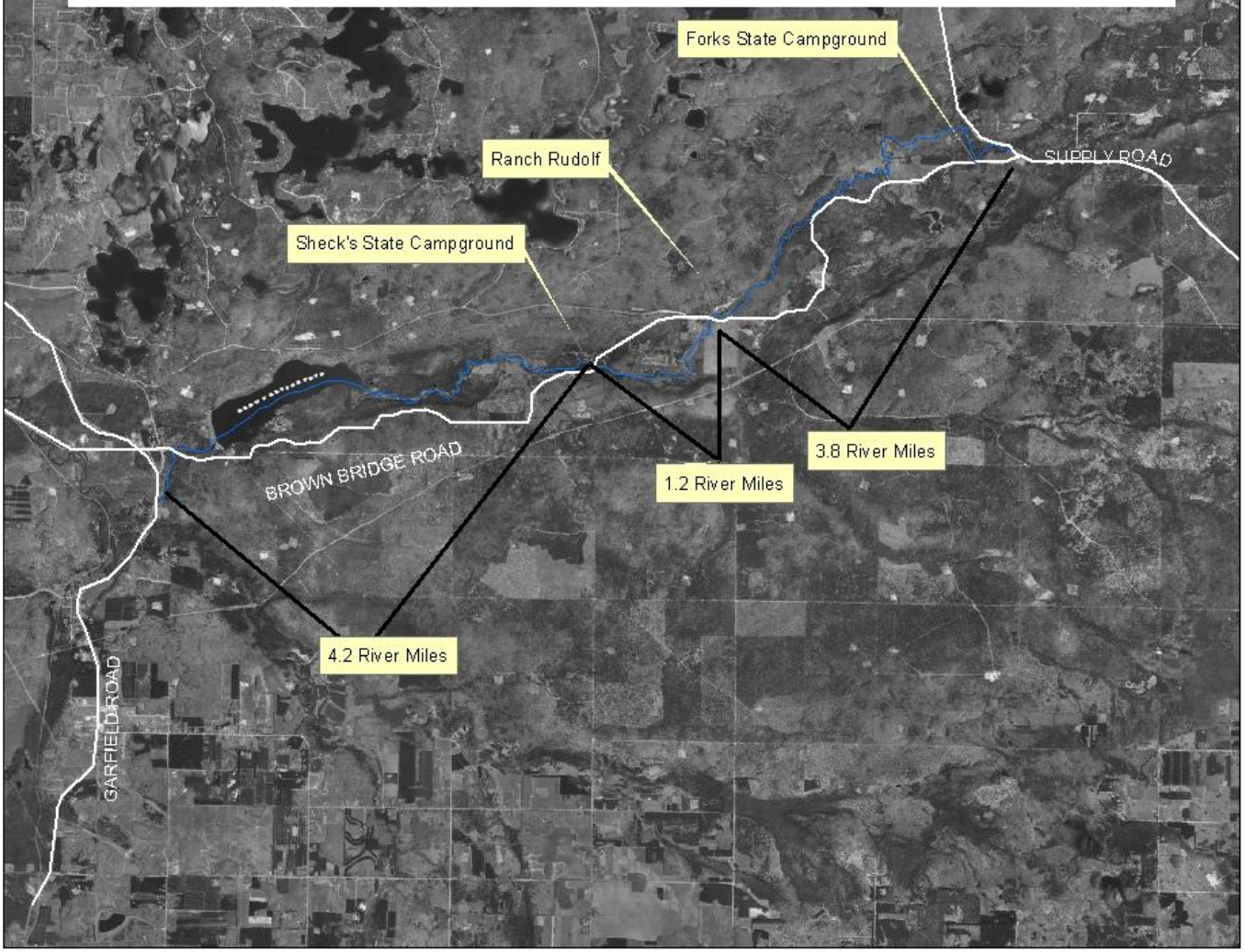
Once again we appreciate this opportunity to nominate nearly 10 miles of the upper Boardman River for inclusion into the "gear-restricted" water category. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at (231) 271-4957.

Sincerely,

David Stellingworth, President,  
Adams Chapter of Trout Unlimited

# BOARDMAN RIVER

PROPOSED GEAR RESTRICTED STRETCHES: GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY



Forks State Campground

Ranch Rudolf

Sheck's State Campground

SUPPLY ROAD

BROWN BRIDGE ROAD

3.8 River Miles

1.2 River Miles

4.2 River Miles

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GARFIELD ROAD