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EVEREST'S NORTH FACE:

AN ACCOUNT OF THE SUCCESSFUL
AMERICAN TEAM'S EXPEDITION
AND THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN SIGHT OF
THE MOUNTAIN

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Laura Ziemer is a mountaineer who has worked and lived extensively with the Tibetan people. A member of the successful, independent 1995 American Everest Expedition via the North Ridge, Laura presents an evening of slides and stories about the Expedition and the Tibetan people. A year after the Everest Expedition, Laura built upon her work in the United States resettling Tibetan refugees, and went to live in Northern India at the residence of H.H. the Dalai Lama and the home to the Tibetan Government-In-Exile. There she did original research on the links between human rights violations and environmental degradation on the Tibetan plateau. Laura is now on the staff of Trout Unlimited, working out of Bozeman, Montana on water issues state-wide.

There is one issue in particular that Laura has worked on that should be of interest to us. She has been involved in the fight to keep enough water in Georgetown Lake for recreational uses and the health of the fishery. In recent years the new owners have wanted to lower the lake drastically to provide water for Flint Creek ranchers. Since we have invited members of the Westslope Chapter of Trout Unlimited Laura will answer questions about her work.

Our meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month, March 13th, and start at 7:00 P.M. in the conference room of the Court House Annex on Pine Street.



COMING IN APRIL

Peter Dayton will have a slide show about a 15 day, 310 mile kayak trip which he and Art Gidel did on the Hess and Stuart Rivers in the Yukon in July of 2001.

