

## **Kit Mullen**

Kit Mullen learned to fly fish while earning a B.S. in Wildlife Biology at Colorado State University in the early 1970's. She spent eight years in Alaska living a subsistence lifestyle in the Wrangell Mountains that included building cabins, guiding hunting trips, packing horses, raising a garden, trapping, and running sled dogs. Following the establishment of new national parks in Alaska, Kit began a career in federal land management. Her 34-year career with the National Park Service and the Forest Service took her from Alaska to Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, California and Idaho. Kit retired in September 2018 from her most recent position as Forest Supervisor on the Sawtooth National Forest.

Fly rod in hand, Kit has explored waters from Alaska to the Amazon, and New England to New Zealand, but spends most her fishing time on the rivers of the intermountain west and Pacific Northwest. Kit is a life member of both Trout Unlimited and Fly Fishers International. She was on the Board of Directors for the International Women Fly Fishers and organized their 2007 Festival. Kit has presented programs and taught classes for women's fly fishing groups and fishing clubs on a range of topics. Her presentation for the MVFF focuses on information less studied by fly fishers than skills like casting and tying. "Where Trout Live" is a look at the dynamic physical and biological environment of a western freestone stream, and how that dictates trout movement and feeding behavior. A bit of science made simple and a bit of fishing tales made practical, the presentation will help beginner and expert alike view a trout stream with new understanding and appreciation.