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Re: The future of fly-fishing
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Fred

I fish some private waters, in fact i have access to many.
Almost all, 99%, are just posted land that I have knocked on a door to get access to. Pa needs to change its laws on the resources before it is too late.

Its a resource. Flowing water should be for all to enjoy. To fish, swim or take a walk by with the dog.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Water_resource
Quote:

> Recreational water use is usually a very small but growing percentage of total water use.

These uses are growing and the availability of flowing water is declining at an alarming rate.
Quote:

> Additionally, recreational usage may reduce the availability of water for other users at specific times and places. For example, water retained in a reservoir to allow boating in the late summer is not available to farmers during the spring planting season. Water released for whitewater rafting may not be available for hydroelectric generation during the time of peak electrical demand.

This is true but it is not why we are losing availability. Its because of posted land. Not just from fishing clubs but from the common citizens and business. It is just easier to see the fishing clubs because they tend to take the best of flowing water resources. And you can see why they do.

Bottomline, agencies of the like:
Bureau of Recreation & Conservation
PA FISH COMM
Trout Unlimited
Watershed Associations
Citizens
All need to fight for better access to our resources or will lose them for sure.