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> The Lehigh is actually not just managed for rafting anymore. Fishery concerns have been addressed, maybe not to all of our satisfaction but there has been progress in gaining considerations for fishery release management of the dam. At any rate, the #1 management directive for the FEW dam is flood-control, recreational management is always subject to flood control needs. If more and more area fly anglers would support the fishery efforts on the Lehigh with regards to lobbying for better release considerations the trout fishery would improve even more.

Hey Ryan

Good stuff you been posting. One thing however that needs to be differentiated between is the term "Recreation" and what is good for the fishery/trout. "Recreation" is a secondary purpose for FEW. However, under the terms of "Recreation" there is no protection for the fishery. Yes, anglers may get flows/releases that are able to provide access (wade or float) to the river....but it will not require the Corps to release water in a manner that will protect the fishery or trout.

This fact needs to be incorporated into any future plans and Studies. FEW needs another purpose to "protect" the fishery or provide environmental protection (or some language to this effect) that requires the Corps to release water in a manner that will protect the trout (i.e - not deplete the coldwater) and provide benefit or improvement to the aquatic ecosystem.

A wise man has always said to me...."its about the trout - stupid"

This fall at the Trout Work Group meeting we will discuss...Hope you can attend.

Dean (aka - LR)

PS - Agree with 1 out of 3 of those streams you listed -