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This is PA State House Bill 1657 and it is not a done deal. I was at the hearing in Pleasant Gap yesterday. Ed Perry (NWF) and the Bob Leonard from the Sierra Club gave especially damning testimony against the bill. This deal appears to have been worked out between Penn State and the legislature long before any public comment was solicited. That is a big bone of contention as is the feeling by a lot of folks that Penn State will not be the best steward of the land. Proponents of the deal say that a land conservation plan will be developed once the deal is done. But once ownership of the land is transferred, the owner can pretty much do whatever he wants. Penn State will probably do agriculture experiments on the uplands and maybe even put buildings and roads up there. None of this would be good for Spring Creek or the critters living in the Canyon. Of course those in favor of that bill are denying this.

It is definitely not too late to send your cards and letter. Please do so.