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IMHO, PFBC made the mistake years ago when they failed to remove the bows after closing the hatchery. They were to "restore" the stream to it's condition before the hatchery was built. At least that is my understanding as I have followed this for years.

Anyway I believe now it is too late and unless PFBC removes the upper dam completely the brookies probably have no chance of surviving and expanding their range. Otherwise the brookie population is doomed, save for one thing, fall spawning favors brookies over bows. Brookies mouths are larger than bows, so that may be an advantage, but I've never read that.

I'd like nothing more than to be able to go to Big Spring and not have to fight off the stupid rainbow trout to catch the brookies, but the bows won't ignore anything, everything I cast to fish in Big Spring is attacked by the bows. I don't know if I'll ever go back, I've no interest in catching the bows, if I did I'd fish the places closer to home that have bows.

It's like going out west, when I go out west I have no interest in fishing over trout that aren't supposed to be there. Just MHO and my preference.