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Fishidiot

Great post, I am with you on your views. However I have never fished this stream. I also agree strongly with Chaz. As for individuals worried about strains.....starins schmains..they are long gone. But Brook trout as a species is not. I am all for reducing the rainbows populations a lil bit . But to get rid of them entirely is foolhardy. From what Fishidiot has said there are two species of trout doing pretty darn well after all this work is done. Why not "CATCH AND RELEASE" a portion of rainbows to lower the population? You wouldn't be extirpating them at the same time if a guy like my self or Chaz or anyone else for that matter came to fish Big Springs they could have a more ample chance at Brook Trout.

Remember one thing this stream had great reputation because of the Brook Trout at one time and I understand that that was the reason for doing this work in the first place. It's a bonus to have wild reproducing Rainbows in Pa. I say just cut it back on the Rainbow population a whisker maybe even take some to add to the current hatchery stock to add a few "wild genes " to the pool, or take the excess rainbows and move a few else where to a watershed that has great tribs or places the rainbows will fare well.

Remember Brook Trout are indigenous to Pennsylvania....Brown Trout and Rainbows are not.