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The quarry is about 3000 to 4000 feet from Elk Creek. It is five miles from the mouth of Pine and further from the main body of Pine. The expansion of the quarry is westward from the current location. Away from Pine and towards Elk.

The company, Con-Stone, has an agreement in place limiting the maximum depth to which they can mine. This was negotiated locally (I can't remember if it was township or Arronsburg) out of concern for homeowners wells. Since the current operation does not appear to affect either stream I see no reason for alarm. It's always good to be aware of potential impacts on high value streams such as Penns.

Knowing a few people in the valley my take is that the locals are upset over the increased truck traffic and blasting noise that will come with the expansion. So they are hyping the ecological impact concerns to rally support against the expansion.