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In the late 1980s, Marty Marcinko, then head of the PFBC's trout management program, told me this:

In the southern Appalachians, rainbow trout displacement of brook trout is a big problem.

To avoid the possibility of the same thing happening in PA, it is probably not a good idea to spread wild strain rainbow trout around.

I agreed with him then, and still hold the same view today. If you do a little Googling, you can find articles about rainbows displacing brookies in the Smoky Mountains.

The Little J itself does not hold brook trout, but some of its tributaries do. And the more populations of wild rainbows are established in PA, the more likely it becomes that they will be introduced into our freestone streams that support native brookies.