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I think some people/experts might even classify last years flooding event as a 500 yr event. When you look at the information out there it was an amazing feat of nature.

To determine how much storage we can put in the FEW and how to maintain a release of coldwater all summer long, the Study that VC mentioned is imperative. This is the first step in the process to eventually upgrading the FEW's control tower and allowing for additional storage year round in the reservoir.

As VC said, the biggest factor right now is that FEW was built with out any consideration to the impact on the environment. Construction began when there was virtually NO LIFE in the Lehigh, therefore the Corps (for the most part) did not even consider trout or whitewater interests when they built this impoundment. Which was typical back in the dam building hay-day but even more so with FEW.

Therefore, its time for FEW to be brought into the 21st century and right now its the FEW that is a limiting factor on the Lehigh's trout fishery and even whitewater interests as well. The water temperatures that come out of FEW in July/August actually increase the rivers water temperatures. VC gave me an interesting graphic produced by the Corps that shows this fact. I will try to post it or we can get it up on the www.thelehighriver.org website for you to view.

The Study was discussed needs to be completed to begin the process in upgrading this Reservoir to take into consideration the environmental degradation (mostly thermal) that it is causing to the Lehigh and its inhabitants.

If you want, visit the website mentioned above and write/email Senator Specter's staff and tell them how you feel and what you want to improve Lehigh's trout fishery by having the Corps conduct this Study.