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I spent two summers in the late 70's working in that area of MD. It was based in Oakland but we worked all over western Md and parts of WV. There are some real nice streams with wild or native brook trout in them in that part of Md (panhandle). The Potomac National Forest runs through there and the streams within the Park at that time , were under several special regulations , it was the late 70s , so i'm betting that there have been a few changes in the regs since then. One of the regs on the stream we were working alongside was artificial lures only. We came into contact with the Wardens who patrolled the Park (DCNR?) several times a day , and i made friends with a couple of them who were working their summer breaks from school there. Both of them fly fished and practiced C&R and i remember them discussing studies that had been done on mortality rates of released fish , i have to assume because of the time period , they were referring to the Mason & Hunt study. Whatever they do as a result of the "New" studies , if anything , i hope those streams get the protection they deserve , as the wild brookie streams they showed and fished with me were some of the nicest i've ever seen.