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I have taken pH readings on lower Spring and its tribs for years now. As a science teacher, I have access to some pretty good equipment for testing, and have been wondering for years why the trout don't stay in many of the creeks in that area. I have readings on some of the tribs coming in at 5 to 6, these streams have natives, and this is pretty constant. The main stem has been pretty consistent for me between 6 and 7. I think that most of the buffering ability of the soils, which was low to begin with, has been exhausted. And the increase in gas drilling does not help.

Some of the issues with stocking these streams is that the fish come from high pH hatcheries and are then placed into lower pH waterways. I helped stock on one of the streams near Spring Creek, and we watched as trout ran downstream as fast as we could dump them in. Coop hatchery stockings are a lot different - those fish are used to living in the water up there, so it isn't a shock to their system.

I have been watching those stream gauges with great interest - it will be interesting to analyze some long term data.