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Subject: : Conservation

Topic: : good article on brookie restoration (w/ image of WVA brookie, big as a largemouth)

Re: good article on brookie restoration (w/ image of WVA brookie, big as a largemouth)

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Quote:

k-bob wrote:

hard to image the state prelogging, there really were mountain lions back then:

<http://www.poconorecord.com/apps/pbcs ... 20091014/sports/910140326>

not sure i would have fished for the brookies with those things around :)

Both my grandfathers were born in the 1800s and were avid outdoorsmen in central Pa. One of my grandfathers used to tell me of large piles of hemlock logs three to four feet or more in diameter pile high at tanneries in the Lockhaven area. He said many of the mountain streams, White Deer Creek in particular, ran red with bark from the hemlocks scraped off during the lumbering.

I have some old pictures of that era with some of the large mountains (Paddy Mountain was one) stripped bare. You can see single pines way up on top that were by passed for some reason or another.

For many years after the logging the streams were devoid of trout. It took about twenty years for some streams to re-populate from the few tributaries that ran through areas too rough to log.

I was fortunate that both grandfathers lived to a very old age and I got to benefit from their stories about that period.

I have mentioned in previous threads that I have woodland in the area that was originally my grandfather's. It had been logged about 1895. There is a perfect stream running thorough it that would be perfect for brookies. A mill dam was built downstream before the logging thus preventing the stream from repopulating with brookies after the logging. (I know that there were brookies in there prior to the logging because my grandfather's family was from the area and knew the history of the stream.)