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Mike, I think a lot of people spout without thinking it through. Personally, I recognize that there are an awful lot of streams that have very minor wild trout populations that would NOT make them a viable sport fishery without stocking.

To me, that's really gotta be the criteria. If it could be a viable sport fishery without stocking, then it should be. If it can't, then stock it. But I recognize the difficulty in defining that line, and that you'll never get everyone to agree on it. I also recognize that you already do this to some extent, with the class A rating and not stocking those streams. My \$0.02 is that this line is drawn too high. Perhaps far too high.

Since you don't publish the class of streams B-E, it's hard to say exactly where the line should be drawn. I have a list, including class designation, of a select few counties. It may be out of date, I dunno. But based on only that, and my personal experiences on those streams, I'd say all of the class B's, most of the class C's, and some of the class D's I'd consider to be viable sport fisheries. Just my personal take.