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Re: So they're not closing...

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I think I'd like to weigh in on this one. Personally, I'll take wild over stocked trout any day of the week. In my opinion they are a better fish. I'm gonna get into that aspect right now though. As far as stocking goes, it is an unfortunate but necessary evil that has been built into this states fishing heritage. This isn't going to change I don't think. Did you ever notice the looks you get from some people when you put a fish back? For many, it's not an option. To them trout season is about going out with friends and family and catching a meal to share with loved ones. There is nothing wrong with that idea and shouldn't be looked down upon. Yes, there should be limits and thoughtful harvests and attempts to not waste the resource. But, realistically, those people paid for those fish so let them have their day. Extremely valid points were made a out stream access due to the stocking program. There are many streams that would not be open for the public to use if not for the stocking of trout. Absolutely, I agree about the stocking over wild populations issue. I think the idea of 100% c&r is ridiculous. Fishing is a blood sport. It's a way of providing a meal for your family. Because many I us prefer to catch and release and feel that the days bounty isn't the only thing the sport is about is no reason to impose those thoughts on others. I put just about everything I catch back. But I do keep fish from time to time. Whenever I bring fish home to eat, the family is ecstatic and they're supposed to be. To say that all wild populations of fish should be 100% catch and release is absurd. Personally, I'd much rather eat a wild fish than a hatchery raised one. There's a big difference in quality. Sure cut the creel limit, but to eliminate harvest is a silly notion in my opinion. It's wonderful to think that everyone who buys a license is going to happily adopt our personal ethics and ideals, but the fact is they won't, and in a way we should be happy. Seriously think about what it would be like if a large majority of the money generated by license sales was lost because there were "no more trout." I don't think you'd be as happy as you think