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I think my hangup with the "no stocking over wild fish" crowd is that few realize just how many streams have a extremely small population of wild fish. I kind of agree in principle. But there's so many streams out there that have a very small handful of wild fish, that maybe wondered in from a trib or something. But would NOT be much of a trout fishery without stockies. It'd be a waste of resource not to stock them.

So to me, you gotta draw a line. The policy ALREADY is that they don't stock what they consider to be viable wild trout sport fisheries. i.e. class A. So nothing has to change in regards to philosophy. I just think they set that bar way too high.

And yeah, you have to draw the line somewhere. There's no perfect way to do it. But biomass is the best method we have. IMO, all of the class B's, and most of the class C's and even many D's I consider to be good sport fisheries for wild trout. I'm not even sure exactly where I would draw it, probably low C, high D range.

But certainly lower than the current class A/B line. That's the direction I'd like to go. All that has to be done is to lower the biomass line required to be considered class A. And the current environment of reduced stocking numbers is the perfect excuse. You remove streams from the stocking list starting with the highest biomass. The result is, that on the streams that we all agree should be stocked, the reduction in fish would be less harsh.