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Re: Bushkill Dewatered

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Zak wrote:

When you say dewater you mean COMPLETELY DRY? I recall the last time they did it but I dont think it was a 100% kill of the entire 1.5 mile stretch to the Spring house. As a contractor at the time I spoke to the site contractor that shut the pumps off several years ago. He was on a project of mine. He just laughed about it as if it was no big deal. I wanted to strangle him for his ignorance to the resource.

Please do keep us informed. This meeting reminds me of talks with ACE about FEW on the Lehigh. Those pumps are the life blood of the whole creek down to Easton really. It would be awesome if they would flow constant instead of fluctuation 80 cfs every 3 hours. Just look at the USGS or fish it. Water levels go nuts all the time and that can't be good for the ecosystem.

Yes, completely dry or as dry as it gets in 4 straight hours with no flow. The last time you are recalling about (which was for longer than 4hrs) it was a 99.9% fish kill all the way to the spring house, and then again from there to the Newlins Road Bridge. (The only fish that survived were a basicall few dozen sculpin we found in wet areas below rocks and the fish that made it to the deep spring house pool.) Below the bridge is about where enough spring influence begins to happen to again kee the creek flowing from this point downstream to the mouth as more and more springs influence the flow here.

You and Chaz and others should also note that in between these two incidences that we all know about it has happened several other times. And you're correct Zak the quarry does laugh and what's more they have the DEP representative on their side. I didn't make it to the latest meetings but I was chapter president at the previous incident a few years ago and I wanted to choke the DEP guy. He practically jumped out of his seat to defend them, the guy is a typical bureaucrat and is invovled as little as possible and it shows. During that incident a few years ago the quarry called him to notify him of their planned shutdown AFTER his office hours on Friday and he didn't get the message until Monday morning and he acted as though this was entirely acceptable and why would I have a problem with it. This how our DEP feels it is on top of the issue!

I don't believe they want to expand the quarry anymore by moving route 191, now I believe the plan is for a new quarry on the northside of 191. When the current quarry eventually shuts down