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You might consider Whitetop Laurel Creek- it's below SNP, near the NC border in the Mt. Rogers area. Southwest of Roanoke, around Abington and Damascus. I've never been, but the stream has a great reputation.

The St. Mary's River is one of the streams that was hardest hit by acid rain in the 1980s and 1990s. It used to hold rainbows, browns, and brookies. The first two species vanished. The brookies have managed to hold on, but even they had some lean years for a while there.

The St. Mary's also lost a lot of insect populations and crayfish in the worst years. But it's also perhaps the most famous of the streams that's been subjected to rehabbing attempts, using crushed limestone to buffer the acidity and restore the pH level. There are recent reports of considerable improvement, and it's still considered to be one of the few streams capable of producing wild brook trout over 12".