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> Yeah, LR, thanks for the info. I knew generally that the big problem was always the lack of release capabilities at FEW. Just didn't know how much of a factor keeping the height at 1370 this late in the summer played in cool water coming out of the bottom. And I guess the answer is that it's not really cooling much at all as you explained .

Beast

Here is the kicker....if the lake was raised to 1390 ft and there was no need for the high volume whitewater releases or flood control releases and the Corps could release water at a fairly steady rate (say, 300-600 cfs), the coldwater would last MUCH longer through the summer and around early August the coldwater would run out.

Currently we run out of coldwater around mid-July, sooner this year because of June being so wet.

I recall in 2002 (if memory serves me correctly), during a drought season, the DRBC asked the Corps to fill the lake up to 1392 ft to help augment flows in the Delaware to beat back the saltline in Trenton. I had some great July and August fishing with Slate drakes in the evenings during that summer. The flows were perfect, the water was cool and the bugs were hatching....and the trout feeding. That is what turned me on with that river. But by mid August the coldwater ran out and the river warmed up to the low-mid 70s.