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Re: Big Spring Rainbows being killed
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I think it would be a good idea to try to create a brookie zone in the very upper end of the regs area.

Not the entire regs area, just a short segment of it. Maybe just the Ditch at first, since it already as a barrier. And a barrier is actually required for it to work.

The rainbows could be electrofished out of the Ditch and placed in the lower part of the regs area. They would probably have to electrofish once a year or maybe once every two years afterward. Or just whenever they notice that rainbow numbers are going high in the Ditch.

If this experiment works, then construct a barrier downstream a little ways, about the same length again as the Ditch.

At the same time as trying to establish a good brookie area in the upper end, start extending the wild trout zone downstream. Now that the water quality issue is resolved, there is no reason why the stream could not support wild trout, big fish and lots of them, the whole way to the mouth.

Maybe the regs below the current regs area could be something different, such as Spring Creek regs, i.e. C&R all tackle, so that that section is open to all, like Spring Creek.

Why not have a small section on a limestone stream managed specifically for brookies? The only reason I can see is cost of managing it. It would be somewhat labor intensive.

But from both a fishing and conservation perspective, it would be a good thing.

I think it's possible that the PFBC would be willing to try something like this, if there was enough public support. If there is not public support, they won't do it.