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I think right now in the here and now, BigSpring now needs to left to her own devices before furthur 'managing' her. I think the habitat work that's been done is great, the fish are responding positively as evidenced by the surveys that have been done. If you actually read the reports instead of armchair quarterbacking from afar, you'll find that the balance of brookies to bows is roughly a 70/30% blend. And it's not all 'stunted' tiny little natives like you find in the mountains, there are some nice sized wild brookies in there as pointed out by Troutbert.

Let these fish go thru a few spawning cycles, let the stream find a new balance point, and then see how she looks. Doing anything right now regarding selective harvest or barriers or what have you is premature. Right now there is a great brook trout fishery in BigSpring, it just also happens that you can also catch some wonderful wild rainbows.