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TB,

If you look at some satellite imagery from the early 2000's, it looks like the upper part of Thompson run used to split into two channels, one right along 26 and one behind the YBC and car place. Now all of the water goes in the channel right along 26. That means 2X the flow, but with riprap banks the channel can't widen to match the extra flow=deep, fast water. My theory is this faster water favors the rainbows. There are at least as many rainbows as browns in the channelized section. Above and below, there are some rainbows but browns still dominate. I've only been fishing it for 3 years so I don't know what it was like in the past, but that's my best guess as to why the 'bow population has taken off.

As for where they came from originally, JH told me that a long time ago a stocking truck full of rainbows broke down right near Thompson Run and they decided to dump them in right there instead of letting them die. Not sure when this happened.

I'm sure some also originated from hatchery fish that escaped into Spring Creek and started swimming.