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The discharges from the hatcheries does not improve water flows in Spring Creek. Because the water coming out the discharges is water that would have flowed into Spring Creek before the hatcheries were built.

The water is simply diverted. They are not creating any "new" water. For example the Benner Spring hatchery. If you park at the Rock Road parking area and walk downstream you will come to the Benner Spring, which is enclosed in a low concrete structure with a metal roof. That is the main water supply for the hatchery. Originally, all the water would have flowed directly into Spring Creek there at the spring. Now water is diverted through the hatchery.

Just below the Rock Road parking area you will see a diversion dam, built to divert water from Spring Creek into a canal which flows into the hatchery.

The water used in the hatchery is discharged at the lower end of the hatchery, near the bridge over the creek.

So there is no addition of water, just diversion of water.