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troutbert – I didn't suggest stocking those streams, but wasn't Spring Creek "stocked" after one of the Hurricanes...maybe 2004? I think the PFBC may have gone in and took some of the escaped stockers out, but they obviously didn't get them all and Spring Creek is just fine now. I also recall more anglers around that timeframe...

BrookieChaser – How valuable is a wild trout stream to the PFBC? They may get 10% of their license sales (if they are lucky) from wild trout fishermen. I am with you and agree wild trout streams are a great resource. They deserve protection and are already protected by the PFBC and DEP. However, if you think the general public cares about the value of wild trout show up to a stocking or read HB 1576.

afish – I know PFBC revenues are down, so how does cutting in-season stockings in popular public parks or highly fished stream sections help their revenues? How do you "sell" the potential increase in 5"-9" wild trout (based upon surveys on one of the streams) to anglers that have been fishing the stream for 10, 20, 30, 40 years for stocked trout? How does taking fish from wild/stocked Stream A and stocking more fish in stocked Stream B save the agency money? You still have to get the fish to Stream B. I am also not sure your Lehigh Valley scenario is totally accurate.

I love wild trout – I truly do. However, if streams were not stocked many of us would not be fishermen today. If streams were not stocked we wouldn't have so many wild browns (and to a lesser degree wild rainbows) which today are considered so valuable. If stocked trout are so bad, then wild trout would not be in the streams/stream sections in question in the numbers they are. If wild trout guys would focus upon stream restoration projects the same way they focus upon the PFBC stocking program they would "potentially" have more wild trout to catch.

This proposal is not a win/win for everyone and it is a shame.