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TB: right, stocking can impact wild brookies, the effect differs with stocking frequency, intensity, % of stream miles stocked, # anglers.

so how many of PA's brookie streams are stocked?: EBTJV: *"Of the 5,044.3 miles of stream that support some level of brook trout reproduction, a total of 299 sections and 1,268.65 miles are also stocked with hatchery trout."* That's a quarter - even if you assume that 100% of the length of those streams is stocked.

So less than a quarter of PA brookie stream miles are stocked. And stocking can be managed to conserve wild brookie populations, if not every fish or all of the larger ones. In fact, many of the PA streams that now have good wild brookies were stocked in the past - look at old records. How could that be if stocking were so damaging to native brookie populations?

And even when you guys do get PA trout stocking and Federal taxes changed to your liking, I still won't pursue the 20" natives that reappear in the Loyalsock -- I'll be afraid of the mountain lions! :)