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Re: Why Montana Went Wild

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dryflyinNY33 wrote:

Many great success stories in Pa due to the management as wild fisheries for sure. Trout Unlimited is really the only group I know promoting these measures, maybe EBTJV. Here in NY many streams known for their populations of "wild" trout are still stocked. What really boogles my mind is the example of the West Branch Ausable River in Wilmington, NY. Known for its fast, cold, deep water in the beautiful mountains and its amazing population of wild brown, rainbow, and brook trout. Some say the best river on the east coast!

So why then will close to 30,000 brown and brook trout between 8 and 15 inches be stocked this coming Spring...?? A place that should in my opinion be managed as a wild fishery, like the great streams of Montana.

I make an annual trip to the WB Ausable and love the fishing up there and on other nearby rivers. I've always been told that the WB Ausable has a limited wild brown trout population (wild brookies inhabit the tribs) because of the sever ice up during winter that often scours the riverbottom and results in poor spawning and egg-hatching success. Yet, I know the river's trout fishing history is long in tooth so I've always wondered about how good the wild trout population was back then?

BTW, I've never seen them stock brook trout in there, only browns and rainbows. I've actually only seen the allotment being for browns & rainbows.