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For what it is worth, when a stream is classified as Class A because of sufficient trout biomass, it automatically gets elevated on the DEP protection list to EV Exceptional Value water. This limits development, discharge and other detrimental activities. It is my belief that very few anglers pay any attention to the Class A listings. While it may increase pressure slightly, I doubt it will turn a stream into an opening day free-for-all atmosphere. On balance, the added protection is worth the publicity. After a couple years, it will be just another of the hundreds of Class A waters, but the protection afforded from degradation will last longer, perhaps forever.