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Re: Class A Wild Trout, Wilderness & WBT Enhancement Streams

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I agree that habitat is the issue and think that greater efforts improving habitat-- and I don't mean more logs and rebar-- would be a more efficacious move than would restricting fishing technique or harvest regulations. My experience on brookie streams is limited, but from my casual contacts, I see low total alkalinity as a big issue. All the mountain freestones with total alkalinity of above, say, 15 are good bets for robust populations. I assume this has a big impact on the forage base and contributes to a higher carrying capacity and also greater growth rates, but fisheries biology is not within my expertise.