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Afish,

While I agree with you that the wild trout opportunities are a fraction of what they were before white men settled the state, also keep in mind there are about 3000 wild trout streams in this state, and growing. Things are much, much better than they were, for instance, during the lumber boom.

While I too live in SE PA and enjoy traveling to Penns, its not like I can't find wild trout much, much closer to home. Penns is special because of its size, and you can group Penns, LJR, Spring, BFC, etc. into that mix. Wild trout streams OF THAT SIZE are indeed rare in this state. But wild trout streams, in general, are not rare at all. There's 50 in Berks County alone, 13 in Chester, 23 in Lancaster. Many people seem to travel to well-known places, like Penns, and ignore some really good fishing close to home. I've only lived here for 2 years, and I talk to other fishermen all the time. I'm amazed when I mention a not so secret stream and find these people had no idea it had fish in it.

I personally would like to see the dam on Big Poe go for good. But like Jay said, this is perhaps a battle we cannot win. Ignoring the majorities opinion, and taking away their recreation, in order to have a minor positive effect on our recreation is not good policy.