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If 90% of the wild trout streams need no help from conservationists....and that's enough for all folks and the conservationists went away. Would the number of coldwater fisheries go up or down?

It is the 10% that need help and receive it that creates a cushion for the 90% that do not. That cushion is in the form of organized groups who can act and campaign against threats to the 90%.

Without those "feet on the ground" conservationists who can react quickly to threats, our resources would be devastated by "progress".

All you have to do is run the last 100 years conservation curve in reverse to see the result. The cold water conservation strides over the last 100 years have provided us the wealth of opportunities we enjoy today. A reverse of this trend would be devastating in a far shorter time frame than it took to improve.

I can understand how people who are new or novices at a particular activity can be naive about the factors relating to their enjoyment. Typically those with an interest and appreciation of the resources they enjoy begin to feel a sense of reciprocity toward the activity they enjoy. What baffles me is how folks who have been "at it a while" can ignore the benefits of those trying to help the very entertainment they enjoy. It would be one thing to keep quiet and let us fools waste our time. It is quite another to incite inuendo that we are self-centered greed mongers with no regard for others who are wasting our time.

Assuming these opportunities are provided solely by Mother Nature is absurd and insulting. Where was Ma Nat in the 20's when they were floating barrels of oil down Oil Creek and Logs down the Susquehanna and every moving water was dammed by progress and the fishing sucked. Where was she then????? Huh?????