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I've personally read about how national forests in this country are regarded as land management areas used for resources such as logging, and in many national forests logging is a routine occurrence. But for someone to say that the forests were completely decimated is a fantastic overstatement. Logging was heavy early in the 20th century, but the forests in PA were never completely harvested as if a giant hayfield.

Also there are areas in this state that have such poor terrain conditions that you would never expect to catch anything in the local streams. I have fished streams in Northeastern Pa particularly around the Carbondale area and in around Scranton, where there are miles and miles of exposed treeless barren terrain from strip mining and coal mines. Most people would say they are like wastelands, with no plants growing and just hundreds of acres of open ground composed of black anthracite cinders.

I have fished streams that run through miles of this type of landscape and lo and behold I've caught brookies in such streams.

In fact, the Lackawanna River is one of these waterways, and although I have personally never fished it, I know that it is an excellent fishery, and it runs through an area that has been devastated by mining and logging in the past.

Mining in the area was extensive and it is plainly visible even decades and decades later as many square miles of land are still almost completely barren in this region of the state. Yet even with such devastation to the land in this area even now, the brookies are still present. If they can survive in some of these streams I don't see how logging would have completely eradicated them at the turn of the century.