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MINUTES¹

The 166th Meeting of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission was held on Monday, April 27, 2026, at the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission headquarters, 1601 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

The public session for review of this agenda began on April 27, 2026, at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Commission President John Mahn. The roll was called by Chief Counsel Robert Schefter and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

John E. Mahn, Jr., President
Donald K. Anderson, Vice President
William C. Brock
Charles J. Charlesworth
William J. Gibney
Eric C. Hussar
Richard S. Kauffman
Richard Lewis
Daniel J. Pastore

Members Absent

Robert B.J. Small

Staff and Volunteer Recognition

The Commission's Bureau of Boating Director, Mark Sweppenhiser, and Boating Safety Education Specialist Adam Spangler, recognized Timothy Wert, a Water Program Specialist from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, for his outstanding service to boating safety.

The Commission's Bureau of Law Enforcement Director, Colonel Jeffrey Sabo, recognized Sergeant Daniel Wilson and Waterways Conservation Officers Matthew Scott and Michael

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Johnson with a Lifesaving Award for responding to an individual who was unresponsive and in distress along the shorelines of the Allegheny River.

Executive Director Timothy Schaeffer recognized commission staff who were recently issued Certificates of Appreciation by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators for their pilot test of the Presenter's Guide to Paddlesport Safety and for their engagement in promoting safety education for entry-level kayak instruction while growing a culture of safety across the United States.

Public Comments to Commissioners and Staff

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Mike Kriner, Palmyra, Pennsylvania, representing the Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen and Conservationists (PFSC), expressed appreciation for the Pennsylvania Game Commission and Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's strong communication, transparency and engagement with the public. He also voiced support for the upcoming Wildlife Management Institute study exploring potential collaboration between the two commissions and noted widespread backing among their members and anticipation for its results.
- Jared Manning, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, shared community feedback on the first season after stocking returned to Section 04, Freeman Run, Potter County, under special regulations. Mr. Manning highlighted broader community benefits and emphasized that the recent change has had a positive impact on the valley and thanked the agency for moving forward with the study and restoring stocking.
- Dave Rothrock, Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited, supports a proposal to increase the minimum size for harvesting trout from seven to nine inches. He urged approval and thanked the Commission for its consideration.

Review and Approval of Minutes of January 30, 2026, Meeting

President Mahn asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes that were distributed from the January 30, 2026, meeting. Hearing none, a motion was made by Commissioner Gibney and seconded by Commissioner Charlesworth to approve minutes of the January 30, 2026, meeting as written. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Schaeffer provided his quarterly report to the Commissioners. He emphasized the agency's recent role in supporting the NFL Draft event in Pittsburgh, noting extensive coordination with partners such as the United States Coast Guard and Pennsylvania State Police to ensure safety, including an around-the-clock Waterways Conservation Officer presence and significant advanced planning.

Director Schaeffer also pointed to the successful rollout of processes to address abandoned and derelict vessels, crediting Pennsylvania State Representative Anita Kulik, whose legislation has facilitated the removal of these boats from waterways and is being recognized as a national model.

Director Schaeffer's report highlighted a productive lead-up and opening of trout season supported by hatchery staff, volunteers and clubs, along with innovations such as bird-deterrent lasers to reduce fish loss. He thanked anglers and boaters for their support and reminded them of safety rules, including Pennsylvania's seasonal life jacket wear requirement and upcoming outreach during safe boating campaigns.

Finally, Director Schaeffer noted federal advocacy efforts, thanking U.S. Representative Glenn Thompson for supporting wildlife funding, and mentioned ongoing work to reauthorize the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund, a key source of agency funding.

Reports of Commissioner Committees

The following committees reported on activities since the last Commission meeting:

Boating Advisory Board (Commissioner Lewis) – The Boating Advisory Board (BAB) met in-person on March 23, 2026. The annual election was conducted, and Rocco Ali was reelected as Board Chair and Steven Ketterer was elected as Vice-Chair. Recognition was given to Loren Lustig for his 19 years of service on the BAB. Agenda items included the consideration of a proposed amendment to 58 Pa. Code Chapter § 91.2, which would define the term “public property” as it relates to boats and boating; and consideration of a proposed amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 93.13, which would bring the process of applying to be a temporary boat registration issuing agent into alignment with the process for fishing license issuing agents. The BAB recommended both proposed amendments to the Board of Commissioners. Staff provided five informational presentations: (1) an update on the Boating Safety Education Certificate process; (2) a recap of 2025 boating incidents and fatalities; (3) an overview of the National Recreational Boating Safety Survey; (4) a preview of Low-Head Dam Public Safety Awareness Month; and (5) an outline of the Commission's plans for this year's National Safe Boating Week, May 16-22.

Fisheries (Commissioner Charlesworth) – The Fisheries Committee met virtually on March 23, 2026. There were six discussion items on the agenda: (1) a presentation on Three Rivers Blue Catfish and Flathead Catfish creel limits; (2) an overview of recent angler use, harvest and opinion surveys conducted at popular wild trout streams in central Pennsylvania; (3) an update on cold-water, cool-water and warm-water stocking; (4) an overview of an ongoing steelhead otolith microchemistry project; (5) a presentation on Lake Erie basin steelhead creel limits; and (6) an overview of the Fisheries agenda items planned for the April quarterly Commission meeting.

Habitat (Commissioner Kauffman) – The Habitat Committee met virtually on April 13, 2026. There were six discussion items on the agenda for the committee meeting: (1) an overview of the Division of Aquatic Species Restoration; (2) the highlights of the Sterling Run Watershed habitat restoration projects; (3) an update on the collaboration with PennDOT to protect aquatic resources; (4) the highlights of the freshwater mussel surveys on Redbank Creek; (5) an overview of the Donegal Lake habitat improvement project; and (6) an update on the advancements of the Commission’s fish passage program.

Announcement of Executive Sessions

President Mahn announced two executive sessions. On April 2, 2026, an executive session was held to provide an update on pending litigation related to White Oak Pond Dam in Wayne County; and on April 27, 2026, at 8:00 a.m., an executive session was held to discuss potential and ongoing litigation and staffing. There were also various real estate acquisitions, dispositions and related matters discussed.

**EXECUTIVE
FINAL RULEMAKING**

A. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code Chapter 51 (Administrative Provisions).

Commentary:

A notice of proposed rulemaking was published at 56 Pa.B. 1571 (March 21, 2026) (Exhibit A). The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) received no public comments relating to this proposal.

Briefer:

Robert Schefter, Chief, Office of Chief Counsel

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission adopt the amendment as set forth in the notice of proposed rulemaking. If adopted, this amendment will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Kauffman to adopt the amendment as set forth in the notice of proposed rulemaking. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE
PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

A. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 51.7 (Relating to Public Comment at Commission Meetings).

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) proposes to amend 58 Pa. Code § 51.7 (relating to public comments at Commission meetings) to direct that public comments for virtual meetings will be accepted on a date prior to the meeting via telephonic message or other appropriate format determined by the presiding officer. This amendment also ensures that the meeting agenda is published prior to the public comment period.

Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code § 51.7 be amended as follows:

§ 51.7. Relating to public comments at Commission meetings.

(a) Public comments at meetings of the full Board.

(1) *General rules.* The Commission will provide a brief public comment period at the beginning of each public meeting. The Commission ordinarily will accept public comments following its committee reports and prior to its consideration of the formal agenda. The Commission may limit comments to matters that are within the Commission's jurisdiction that are not repetitive or duplicative of other comments. The Commission president or presiding officer will request members of the public wishing to comment to indicate prior to the start of the meeting that they wish to provide public comment. The Commission president or presiding officer will determine the appropriate time limit for individual comments and announce that limit prior to receiving any comments. If members of the public prepare a written statement, they will be asked to provide a copy to the designated staff person. Members of the public representing a specific organization will be requested to designate one spokesperson to present their collective comments.

(2) *Consideration of agenda items.* The Commission ordinarily will not permit public comments during the course of its meetings when it considers agenda items or other matters before the Commission. The Commission president or other presiding officer may invite brief public comments on items other than regulatory actions when he determines that allowing the comments will be useful in the best interests of the Commission.

(b) Public comments at committee meetings. The committee chair will provide a brief public comment period at the beginning of each committee meeting. The committee chair will determine an appropriate format for this period, including its length. The

committee chair may limit comments to matters that are related to the charge of the committee that are not repetitive or duplicative of other comments.

(1) Public comments at virtual committee meetings. A virtual meeting is one conducted using digital technology that allows participants to communicate in real time from remote physical locations. For virtual committee meetings, the committee chair will provide a public comment period to be held prior to the date of the meeting. The format for public comments will be by telephonic voice message or other appropriate format determined by the committee chair. The meeting agenda and the public comment period and format shall be provided with the public notice of the meeting.

Briefer:

Robert Schefter, Chief, Office of Chief Counsel

Recommendation:

Staff recommend the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment as described in the Commentary. If adopted on final rulemaking, this amendment will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Charlesworth to approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE
PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

B. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 51.6 (Relating to Petitions or Requests for Regulations).

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) proposes to amend Title 58 Pa. Code § 51.6 (relating to petitions or requests for regulations) to provide further instruction on returned proposals and to direct that the initial staff review will be the final administrative adjudication of the Commission for proposals that do not meet the threshold substantive requirements set forth in § 51.6 (b)(1).

Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code § 51.6 be amended as follows:

§ 51.6. Relating to petitions and requests for regulations.

- (a) *Form.* Petitions or requests for regulations addressed to the Commission shall be submitted in the format set forth in 1 Pa. Code § 35.18 (relating to petitions for issuance, amendment, waiver or deletion of regulations).
- (b) *Initial staff review.*
 - (1) The staff will review every petition for regulations to ensure that:
 - (i) It is complete as required by 1 Pa. Code § 35.18.
 - (ii) The petition requests an action within the authority or jurisdiction of the Commission.
 - (iii) The petition does not conflict with applicable Commonwealth or Federal law.
 - (2) If the staff determines the petition is not acceptable for one of the reasons set forth in paragraph (1), it will return the petition to the petitioner together with a statement of the reason why it is not acceptable.
 - (i) **If the petition is being returned as incomplete pursuant to paragraph (b)(1)(i) of this section, the statement shall indicate that the petition may be resubmitted upon completion.**
 - (ii) **If the petition is being returned as noncompliant with paragraph (b)(1)(ii) or (iii) of this section, the statement shall indicate that the Commission will take no further action on the petition.**
 - (3) **A staff determination of noncompliance with paragraph (b)(1)(ii) or (iii) of this section will be considered the final administrative adjudication of the Commission on the petition. This section supersedes 1 Pa. Code § 35.20.**

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(f) *Commission action.* The staff shall submit the petition, the staff report, the petitioner's response, if any, the staff response, if any and, in the case of boating

regulations, the advice and opinions of the Boating Advisory Board to the Commission for consideration as part of the agenda of the next regular meeting occurring more than 30 days after the file is deemed complete. The Commission will determine what action to undertake with respect to the petition at a public meeting. **The action taken by the Commission will be considered the final administrative adjudication of the Commission on the petition.**

Briefer:

Robert Schefter, Chief, Office of Chief Counsel

Recommendation:

Staff recommend the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment as described in the Commentary. If adopted on final rulemaking, this amendment will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Brock and seconded by Commissioner Kauffman to approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE
OTHER MATTERS**

- A. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to Duryea Borough, Duryea Wetlands Recreation Area, Luzerne County.

Commentary:

Duryea Borough is requesting grant funding to create an access area in the Duryea Wetlands Recreation Area in Luzerne County. The access area will consist of two non-motorized launches and a stabilized parking lot. The improvements will follow the Americans with Disabilities Act standards. The total estimated cost of the project is \$379,000. Duryea Borough is requesting \$170,400 to complete this project.

Briefer:

Mark Morrison, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$170,400 to Duryea Borough as described in the Commentary.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Gibney to approve a grant not to exceed \$170,400 to Duryea Borough as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE
OTHER MATTERS**

- B. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to Elizabeth Township, Youghiogheny River, Allegheny County.

Commentary:

Elizabeth Township is requesting grant funding to enhance the existing Buena Vista Boat Launch along the Youghiogheny River in Allegheny County. Enhancements will include improvements to the existing boat ramp, expanded parking and a gangway to a new non-motorized launch area. The improvements will follow the Americans with Disabilities Act standards. The total estimated cost of the project is \$317,400. Elizabeth Township is requesting \$148,200 to complete this project.

Briefer:

Mark Morrison, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$148,200 to Elizabeth Township as described in the Commentary.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Charlesworth to approve a grant not to exceed \$148,200 to Elizabeth Township as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE
OTHER MATTERS**

- C. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to the Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority, Lake Erie, Erie County.

Commentary:

The Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority is requesting grant funding to replace the west launch ramp and wooden dock along Chestnut Street on Lake Erie in Erie County. Additionally, an adjacent 300-foot concrete pier will undergo a structural evaluation. The improvements will follow the Americans with Disabilities Act standards. The total estimated cost of the project is \$296,500. The Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority is requesting \$148,300 to complete this project.

Briefer:

Mark Morrison, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$148,300 to the Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority as described in the Commentary.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Pastore and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve a grant not to exceed \$148,300 to Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE
OTHER MATTERS**

- D. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to the Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers, Statewide.

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers is requesting grant funding to continue a Statewide Waterway Access Grants (SWAG) program. In its third year, SWAG provides mini-grants of up to \$30,000 to support community-led projects that enhance non-motorized access to Pennsylvania waterways. The total estimated cost of all projects is \$315,000. The Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers is requesting \$157,500 to complete these projects.

Briefer:

Mark Morrison, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$157,500 to the Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers as described in the Commentary.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Kauffman and seconded by Commissioner Hussar to approve a grant not to exceed \$157,500 to the Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE
OTHER MATTERS**

- E. Boating Facility Grant Program: Grant to Tidioute Borough, Allegheny River, Warren County.

Commentary:

Tidioute Borough is requesting grant funding to replace and widen the existing Tidioute boat ramp and install a separate non-motorized launch along the Allegheny River in Warren County. The improvements will follow the Americans with Disabilities Act standards. The total estimated cost of the project is \$484,300. Tidioute Borough is requesting \$238,500 to complete this project.

Briefer:

Mark Morrison, Statewide Public Access Program Manager

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve a grant not to exceed \$238,500 to Tidioute Borough as described in the Commentary.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Pastore and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve a grant not to exceed \$238,500 to Tidioute Borough as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE
PROPERTY SERVICES**

- A. Lease of Property at Mauch Chunk Lake, Summit Hill and Jim Thorpe Boroughs, Carbon County.

Commentary:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by and through the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission), owns 641 acres in the Boroughs of Summit Hill and Jim Thorpe, Carbon County, upon which is located Mauch Chunk Lake and Mauch Chunk Lake Dam. The property is located two miles west of Jim Thorpe on L.R. 13033 as depicted on Exhibit B (Location Map). The property was acquired in 1968 using Project 70 funds and is depicted on Exhibit C (Site Map).

The Commission entered into a 25-year lease agreement with Carbon County (County) in 1974 for recreational purposes, including fishing and boating. The County wishes to renew the agreement for an additional 25-year period. Under the terms of the agreement, the County is responsible for the maintenance of the area around the lake. The Commission will be responsible for fishery and aquatic resource management.

Briefer:

Penny Ayers, Chief, Division of Public Access and Property Services

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve the lease of the property at Mauch Chunk Lake, Summit Hill and Jim Thorpe Boroughs, Carbon County, as described in the Commentary.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Kauffman and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the lease of the property at Mauch Chunk Lake, Summit Hill and Jim Thorpe Boroughs, Carbon County, as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE
PROPERTY SERVICES**

B. Lease of Property at Harris Pond, Ross Township, Luzerne County.

Commentary:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by and through the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission), owns 234 acres in the village of Sweet Valley in Ross Township (Township), Luzerne County, containing a 30-acre impoundment known as Harris Pond as depicted on Exhibit D (Location Map).

The Commission entered into a 25-year agreement with the Township in 1977 to lease a 13.9-acre parcel along County Road 1, south of the impoundment, as depicted on Exhibit E (Site Map) for public recreational use. The Township wishes to renew the lease for another 25-year term. The area contains a mix of recreational uses, including baseball fields and other amenities. Under the terms of the agreement, the Township will be responsible for the routine maintenance, operation, repair and supervision of the leased area.

Briefer:

Penny Ayers, Chief, Division of Public Access and Property Services

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission approve the lease of the property at Harris Pond, Ross Township, Luzerne County, as described in the Commentary.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Charlesworth and seconded by Commissioner Brock to approve the lease of the property at Harris Pond, Ross Township, Luzerne County, as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE
PROPERTY SERVICES**

C. Disposition of Property at Ingham Springs, Solebury Township, Bucks County.

Commentary:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by and through the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission), owns 0.245 acres known as Ingham Springs (Springs) in Solebury Township (Township), Bucks County. The Springs (also known as Aquetong) are located 1.25 miles east of New Hope as depicted on Exhibit F (Location Map).

The Commission previously owned 47 acres adjacent to the Springs. In 2009, the Commission sold most of the acreage to the Township, excluding the Springs, which the Commission retained and the Township leased as depicted on Exhibit G (Site Map). The Commission retains a conservation easement on the 47-acre site to protect the aquatic resource as depicted on Exhibit H (Conservation Easement Map).

Since 2009, the Township has performed remediation and stream improvements in the area. The site is currently used as a park and natural area. The Township has successfully pursued multiple sources of funding for restoration and park improvements and has conducted invasive species removal, along with various other improvements to the buildings and roads located on the property.

To date, the Commission has retained control of the Springs to protect the aquatic resource and had previously considered using the property as a water source for a hatchery. However, the Commission has determined that it will not require the Springs for a hatchery. The Township recently obtained a fair market value appraisal of \$3,700 for the Springs. If the sale of the Springs to the Township is approved, the Commission will retain a conservation easement on the Springs, as well as a right of first refusal should the Township decide to sell the Springs in the future.

The Township will be responsible for all costs associated with the conveyance including recording costs. Staff will adhere to the Commission's standard practices for the disposition of the property.

Briefer:

Penny Ayers, Chief, Division of Public Access and Property Services

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission authorize the disposition of the property at Ingham Springs, Solebury Township, Bucks County, as described in the Commentary.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gibney and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to authorize the disposition of the property at Ingham Springs, Solebury Township, Bucks County, as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

BOATING
PROPOSED RULEMAKING

A. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 91.2 (Definitions).

Commentary:

Act 28 of 2025 amended Title 30 Pa.C.S. Chapter 57 relating to at-risk, derelict and abandoned boats (ADVs). The term “public property” is used throughout Chapter 57 as well as in corresponding regulations in 58 Pa. Code Chapter 93 (Boat Registration and Numbering); however, it is not defined. To facilitate implementation of the ADV law and regulations, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) staff recommend defining “public property” in 58 Pa. Code Chapter 91 (General Provisions) relating to boats and boating.

Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code § 91.2 be amended as follows:

§ 91.2. Definitions

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(d) The term “public property” means lands, buildings and spaces owned or controlled by the Commonwealth, state agencies, municipalities, authorities, political subdivisions, public schools and universities, including such public properties with limited commercial uses for the storage of boats.

On March 23, 2026, the Boating Advisory Board considered this proposal and recommended the Commission approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment.

Briefer:

Mark Sweppenhiser, Director, Bureau of Boating

Recommendation:

Staff recommend the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment as described in the Commentary. If adopted on final rulemaking, this amendment will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Charlesworth and seconded by Commissioner Gibney to approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

BOATING
PROPOSED RULEMAKING

B. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 93.13 (Issuing Agents).

Commentary:

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) may designate issuing agents for the issuance of temporary boat registrations to the public. Pursuant to 58 Pa. Code § 93.13, applicants interested in becoming an issuing agent for temporary boat registration must submit an application, a one-time fee and a bond in favor of the Commission.

Fishing license agents, as authorized by 58 Pa. Code § 51.35, may submit a bond “or other security in a form satisfactory to the Commission,” typically a letter of credit from a bank, which may be more efficient and less expensive to secure than a bond. 58 Pa. Code § 93.13 requires a bond only and does not permit other forms of security. This proposed amendment will bring §93.13 into alignment with § 51.35 and provide flexibility for a more efficient onboarding process for temporary boat registration issuing agents.

Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code § 93.13 be amended as follows:

§ 93.13. Issuing agents.

(a) *Designation.*

* * * * *

- (2) An applicant seeking to become an issuing agent for temporary boat registrations shall complete and submit to the Commission an application on the form prescribed by the Commission and shall pay a one-time, nonrefundable fee of \$250. Applications shall be accompanied by a bond in favor of the Commission, **or other security in a form satisfactory to the Commission,** in a minimum amount specified by the Executive Director or a designee.

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On March 23, 2026, the Boating Advisory Board considered this proposal and recommended the Commission approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment.

Briefer:

Mark Sweppenhiser, Director, Bureau of Boating

Recommendation:

Staff recommend the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment as described in the Commentary. If adopted on final rulemaking, this amendment will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FISHERIES
PROPOSED RULEMAKING

A. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code Chapter 63 (General Fishing Regulations).

Commentary:

Per Addendum III to Amendment 7 of the Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission requires that states define total length for the purposes of measuring Atlantic Striped Bass to determine compliance with size limits associated with both commercial and recreational fisheries. Standardization is needed, as different measurement methods can yield different results, potentially leading to enforcement complications.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) advises anglers how to measure fish in the Pennsylvania Fishing Summary book; however, no formal definition is promulgated in Title 58. Rather than define total length measurement specifically under 58 Pa. Code § 61.2 (Delaware River, West Branch Delaware River and River Estuary) for a single species (i.e., Striped Bass), staff recommend a definition be applied to the measurement of all fish across the Commonwealth.

Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code Chapter 63 be amended by adding § 63.58 as follows:

§ 63.58. Measuring fish.

When measuring fish to determine compliance with established size limits, the total length shall be determined as defined herein.

Total length is defined as the greatest straight-line length as measured on a fish while laid flat on its side with its mouth closed from the most forward tip of the jaw or snout to the farthest extent of the tail with the upper and lower tail lobes compressed or squeezed together.

Briefer:

Kristopher Kuhn, Director, Bureau of Fisheries

Recommendation:

Staff recommend the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment as described in the Commentary. If adopted on final rulemaking, this amendment will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Charlesworth and seconded by Commissioner Brock to approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FISHERIES
PROPOSED RULEMAKING

- B. Amendments to 58 Pa. Code § 61.1 (Commonwealth Inland Waters), § 65.19 (Stocked Trout Waters Open to Year-Round Fishing), § 65.24 (Miscellaneous Special Regulations) and § 65.26 (Extended Trout Season).

Commentary:

Under 58 Pa. Code § 61.1 (Commonwealth inland waters), the minimum size limit (MSL) for trout is seven inches. The MSL for trout was last amended in 1983 as part of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's (Commission) Operation Future when the MSL was increased from six inches to the current seven-inch MSL to provide additional protection to wild Brook Trout populations.

Staff evaluated wild Brook Trout data collected through electrofishing surveys over the past ten years and determined an increase in MSL for trout from seven inches to nine inches would provide additional protection to wild Brook Trout. Based on this analysis, an increase in MSL to nine inches for trout would prohibit harvest of more than 99% of the state's wild Brook Trout.

Staff also evaluated angler opinion data that was collected through the Commission's *2023 Pennsylvania Trout Angler Survey* (Trout Survey), and these data suggest most trout anglers support an increase in the MSL for trout. As part of the Trout Survey, anglers were specifically asked, "Would you support or oppose an increase of the minimum to nine inches to provide protection of wild Brook Trout?" and 85% of all trout anglers responded that they would support an increase in the MSL to protect wild Brook Trout. Harvesting trout, regardless of species or origin (i.e., stocked versus wild), was not ranked as one of the top three reasons trout anglers fish in Pennsylvania.

Given the support from Pennsylvania's trout anglers and the increased protection that will be afforded to wild Brook Trout, staff recommend the MSL for trout be increased to nine inches. Amending size limits for trout requires minor amendments to various sections referencing trout size limits. As such, staff recommend reformatting the size limits in regulations relating to trout size limits for clarification and simplification.

Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code § 61.1 be amended as follows:

§ 61.1. Commonwealth inland waters.

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(d) Except as otherwise provided in this subpart, the following seasons, sizes and daily limits apply to inland waters of this Commonwealth and the Youghiogheny Reservoir:

<i>SPECIES</i>	<i>SEASONS</i>	<i>MINIMUM SIZE</i>	<i>DAILY LIMIT</i>
ALL SPECIES OF TROUT AND SALMON (except landlocked Atlantic salmon)	Regular Season: 8 a.m. first Saturday in April to midnight Labor Day	[7] 9 inches	5 (combined species) except areas with special regulations
	Extended Season: Stocked trout waters and all waters downstream of stocked trout waters 12:01 a.m. day after Labor Day to midnight the third Monday in February of the following year.	[7] 9 inches	3 (combined species), except areas with special regulations
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Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code § 65.19 be amended as follows:

§ 65.19. Stocked trout waters open to year-round fishing

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<i>SPECIES</i>	<i>SEASONS</i>	<i>MINIMUM SIZE</i>	<i>DAILY LIMIT</i>
ALL SPECIES OF TROUT AND SALMON (except landlocked Atlantic salmon)	Regular Season: 8 a.m. of the opening day of the regular season for trout to midnight Labor Day	[7] <u>9</u> inches	5 (combined species)
	Extended Season: 12:01 a.m. day after Labor Day to midnight the third Monday in February of the following year	[7] <u>9</u> inches	3 (combined species)
	12:01 a.m. the third Monday in February to 8 a.m. the opening day of the regular season for trout	NO HARVEST—Catch and immediate release only	

Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code § 65.24 be amended as follows:

65.24. Miscellaneous special regulations.

The following waters are subject to the following miscellaneous special regulations:

<i>County</i>	<i>Name of Water</i>	<i>Special Regulations</i>
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Bedford	Yellow Creek, Section 04, from the confluence with Beaver Creek downstream to Red Bank Hill	All tackle types are permitted. Brown trout—catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess brown trout at any time. All other trout species—[7 inches minimum size limit—5 trout daily limit (combined species)] <u>Commonwealth inland waters regulations apply (see § 61.1)</u> from 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout to midnight on Labor Day. Catch and release/no harvest—it is unlawful to take, kill or possess any trout from 12:01 a.m. the day after Labor Day to midnight the third Sunday in February the following year. Closed to all fishing from 12:01 a.m. the third Monday in February until 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout. All species except trout— <u>Commonwealth inland waters</u> regulations apply. See § 61.1 [(relating to Commonwealth inland waters)].
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Carbon	Pohopoco Creek, Section 04, from the outlet of Beltzville Lake downstream to Hideaway Hunting and Fishing Club cable across creek	All tackle types are permitted. Brown trout—catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess brown trout at any time. All other trout species—[7 inches minimum size limit—5 trout daily limit (combined species)] <u>Commonwealth inland waters</u>

		<u>regulations apply (see § 61.1)</u> from 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout to midnight on Labor Day. Catch and release/no harvest—it is unlawful to take, kill or possess any trout from 12:01 a.m. the day after Labor Day to midnight the third Sunday in February the following year. Closed to all fishing from 12:01 a.m. the third Monday in February until 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout. All species except trout—<u>Commonwealth inland waters</u> regulations apply. See § 61.1 <u>[(relating to Commonwealth inland waters)]</u>.
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Centre	Bald Eagle Creek, Section 06, from the confluence with Spring Creek downstream to the inlet of Sayers Lake near Boggs/Howard Township line	All tackle types are permitted. Brown trout—catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess brown trout at any time. All other trout species—<u>[7 inches minimum size limit—5 trout daily limit (combined species)]</u> <u>Commonwealth inland waters regulations apply (see § 61.1)</u> from 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout to midnight on Labor Day. Catch and release/no harvest—it is unlawful to take, kill or possess any trout from 12:01 a.m. the day after Labor Day to midnight the third Sunday in February the following year. Closed to all fishing from 12:01 a.m. the third Monday in February until 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout. All species except trout—<u>Commonwealth inland waters</u> regulations apply. See § 61.1 <u>[(relating to Commonwealth inland</u>

		waters)].
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Centre	Penns Creek, Section 02, from the State Road 45 bridge in Spring Mills downstream to the confluence with Elk Creek	All tackle types are permitted. Brown trout—catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess brown trout at any time. All other trout species— [7 inches minimum size limit—5 trout daily limit (combined species)] <u>Commonwealth inland waters</u> <u>regulations apply (see § 61.1)</u> from 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout to midnight on Labor Day. Catch and release/no harvest—it is unlawful to take, kill or possess any trout from 12:01 a.m. the day after Labor Day to midnight the third Sunday in February the following year. Closed to all fishing from 12:01 a.m. the third Monday in February until 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout. All species except trout— <u>Commonwealth inland waters</u> regulations apply. See § 61.1 [(relating to Commonwealth inland waters)] .
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Clinton	Fishing Creek, sections 13 and 14, from the confluence with Cedar Run downstream to Country Club Road bridge in Mill Hall	All tackle types are permitted. Brown trout—catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess brown trout at any time. All other trout species—[7 inches minimum size limit—5 trout daily limit (combined species)] <u>Commonwealth inland waters regulations apply (see § 61.1)</u> from 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout to midnight on Labor Day. Catch and release/no harvest—it is unlawful to take, kill or possess any trout from 12:01 a.m. the day after Labor Day to midnight the third Sunday in February the following year. Closed to all fishing from 12:01 a.m. the third Monday in February until 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout. All species except trout—<u>Commonwealth inland waters</u> regulations apply. See § 61.1 [(relating to Commonwealth inland waters)].
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Lehigh	Little Lehigh Creek, Section 04, from the confluence with Spring Creek downstream to Wild Cherry Lane bridge	All tackle types are permitted. Brown trout—catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess brown trout at any time. All other trout species—[7 inches minimum size limit—5 trout daily limit (combined species)] <u>Commonwealth inland waters regulations apply (see § 61.1)</u> from 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout to midnight on Labor Day. Catch and release/no harvest—it is unlawful to take, kill or possess any trout from 12:01 a.m. the day after Labor Day to midnight the third Sunday in February the

		following year. Closed to all fishing from 12:01 a.m. the third Monday in February until 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout. All species except trout—<u>Commonwealth inland waters</u> regulations apply. See § 61.1 [(relating to Commonwealth inland waters)].
Lehigh	Little Lehigh Creek, Section 07, from 0.25 miles upstream of Country Club Road bridge downstream to Fish Hatchery Road bridge	All tackle types are permitted. Brown trout—catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess brown trout at any time. All other trout species—[7 inches minimum size limit—5 trout daily limit (combined species)] <u>Commonwealth inland waters regulations apply (see § 61.1)</u> from 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout to midnight on Labor Day. Catch and release/no harvest—it is unlawful to take, kill or possess any trout from 12:01 a.m. the day after Labor Day to midnight the third Sunday in February the following year. Closed to all fishing from 12:01 a.m. the third Monday in February until 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout. All species except trout—<u>Commonwealth inland waters</u> regulations apply. See § 61.1 [(relating to Commonwealth inland waters)].
Lehigh and Northampton	Monocacy Creek, Section 09, from Schoenersville Road bridge downstream to the confluence with Lehigh River	All tackle types are permitted. Brown trout—catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess brown trout at any time. All other trout species—[7 inches minimum size limit—5 trout daily limit (combined species)] <u>Commonwealth inland waters</u>

		<u>regulations apply (see § 61.1)</u> from 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout to midnight on Labor Day. Catch and release/no harvest—it is unlawful to take, kill or possess any trout from 12:01 a.m. the day after Labor Day to midnight the third Sunday in February the following year. Closed to all fishing from 12:01 a.m. the third Monday in February until 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout. All species except trout—<u>Commonwealth inland waters</u> regulations apply. See § 61.1 <u>[(relating to Commonwealth inland waters)]</u>.
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Mifflin	Kishacoquillas Creek, Section 05, from 1.5 miles upstream of the confluence with Tea Creek downstream to the Penn Central Railroad bridge	All tackle types are permitted. Brown trout—catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess brown trout at any time. All other trout species—<u>[7 inches minimum size limit—5 trout daily limit (combined species)]</u> <u>Commonwealth inland waters</u> <u>regulations apply (see § 61.1)</u> from 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout to midnight on Labor Day. Catch and release/no harvest—it is unlawful to take, kill or possess any trout from 12:01 a.m. the day after Labor Day to midnight the third Sunday in February the following year. Closed to all fishing from 12:01 a.m. the third Monday in February until 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout. All species except trout—<u>Commonwealth inland waters</u> regulations apply. See § 61.1 <u>[(relating to Commonwealth inland</u>

		waters)].
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Northampton	Martins Creek, Section 01, from the confluence of the East and West Branch of Martins Creek downstream to the outflow of the Bangor sewage treatment plant near unnamed tributary	All tackle types are permitted. Brown trout—catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess brown trout at any time. All other trout species—[7 inches minimum size limit—5 trout daily limit (combined species)] <u>Commonwealth inland waters regulations apply (see § 61.1)</u> from 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout to midnight on Labor Day. Catch and release/no harvest—it is unlawful to take, kill or possess any trout from 12:01 a.m. the day after Labor Day to midnight the third Sunday in February the following year. Closed to all fishing from 12:01 a.m. the third Monday in February until 8 a.m. on the opening

		day of the regular season for trout. All species except trout—<u>Commonwealth</u> inland <u>waters</u> regulations apply. See § 61.1 [(relating to Commonwealth inland waters)].
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Northampton	Monocacy Creek, Section 08, from Illicks Mill Dam downstream to Schoenersville Road bridge	All tackle types are permitted. Brown trout—catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess brown trout at any time. All other trout species—[7 inches minimum size limit—5 trout daily limit (combined species)] <u>Commonwealth inland waters regulations apply (see § 61.1)</u> from 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout to midnight on Labor Day. Catch and release/no harvest—it is unlawful to take, kill or possess any trout from 12:01 a.m. the day after Labor Day to midnight the third Sunday in February the following year. Closed to all fishing from 12:01 a.m. the third Monday in February until 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout. All species except trout—<u>Commonwealth</u> inland <u>waters</u> regulations apply. See § 61.1 [(relating to Commonwealth inland waters)].
Potter	Freeman Run, Section 04, from the confluence with West Branch Freeman Run downstream to the mouth	All tackle types are permitted. Brown trout and brook trout—catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess brown trout or brook trout at any time. Rainbow trout—[7 inches minimum size limit—5 trout daily

		limit] <u>Commonwealth inland regulations apply (see § 61.1)</u> from 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout to midnight on Labor Day. Catch and release/no harvest—it is unlawful to take, kill, or possess any trout from 12:01 a.m. the day after Labor Day to midnight the third Sunday in February the following year. Closed to all fishing from 12:01 a.m. the third Monday in February until 8 a.m. on the opening day of the regular season for trout. All species except trout—<u>Commonwealth inland waters</u> regulations apply. See § 61.1 [(relating to Commonwealth inland waters)].
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Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code § 65.26 be amended as follows:

§ 65.26. Extended trout season.

(a) *General rule.* The extended trout season is in effect from the day after Labor Day until the third Monday in February of the following year on stocked trout waters. A creel limit of three trout per day and a minimum size limit of **[7] 9** inches apply during this season, except Class A wild trout streams where the creel limit is 0 and areas with special regulations.

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Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendments as described in the Commentary. If approved on final rulemaking, the amendments will go into effect January 1, 2027.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Charlesworth and seconded by Commissioner Hussar to approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendments, as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FISHERIES
PROPOSED RULEMAKING

- C. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 65.24 (Miscellaneous Special Regulations): Add Ohio River Basin.

Commentary:

The Three Rivers (Ohio, Allegheny, and Monongahela rivers) system in eastern Pennsylvania supports diverse fishing opportunities for a variety of species in and around the metropolitan area of Pittsburgh. Once severely polluted, the Three Rivers now boast excellent populations of Walleye, Sauger, Smallmouth Bass, Muskellunge, Flathead Catfish and Channel Catfish that provide countless hours of recreational fishing.

In 2022, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) initiated a Blue Catfish reintroduction program on the Three Rivers. Blue Catfish, which are native to the Three Rivers but did not return following their extirpation in the early 1900s, are currently being stocked in the Ohio River, with plans to expand the program to the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers in 2027. The goal of the reintroduction is to establish a self-sustaining, naturally reproducing population of Blue Catfish in the Three Rivers.

Recent assessments of the Flathead Catfish populations in the Three Rivers conducted to estimate abundance, age and growth rates, and mortality characterize the populations as low-to-moderate density that exhibit extreme longevity. Flathead Catfish in the Three Rivers system are the oldest ever recorded in Pennsylvania, with individuals over 30 years of age relatively common. In addition to their longevity, Flathead Catfish growth in the Three Rivers is extremely slow. On average, it takes a Flathead Catfish 15 years to reach 24 inches in length, and over 30 years to reach 35 inches, which is considered a trophy fish desired by anglers.

Current regulations in the Three Rivers system for Blue Catfish and Flathead Catfish, among other species of catfish, include them as panfish, with a 50-fish-per-day limit and no minimum size limit. As the goal of Blue Catfish reintroduction is to establish a naturally reproducing population, maximizing survival of Blue Catfish stocked in the Three Rivers is paramount, and staff recommend implementing catch-and-release regulations on Blue Catfish in all flowing waters in the Ohio River Basin. Also, to prevent potential overexploitation of Flathead Catfish and conserve trophy-sized fish, staff recommend a four fish daily creel limit for Flathead Catfish, with only one fish being greater than or equal to 35 inches in length for all flowing waters in the Ohio River Basin.

Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code § 65.24 be amended as follows:

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65.24. Miscellaneous special regulations.

The following waters are subject to the following miscellaneous special regulations:

<i>County</i>	<i>Name of Water</i>	<i>Special Regulations</i>
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<u>Multiple Counties</u>	<u>Ohio River Basin, including the following major waters, all tributaries to those waters, and all tributaries to those tributaries, named and unnamed: Ohio River, Beaver River, Shenango River, Mahoning River, Connoquenessing Creek, Slippery Rock Creek, Monongahela River, Youghiogheny River, Tenmile Creek, Dunkard Creek, Cheat River, Allegheny River, Kiskiminetas River, Conemaugh River, Crooked Creek, Mahoning Creek, Redbank Creek, Clarion River, French Creek, Cussewago Creek, Oil Creek, Tionesta Creek, Brokenstraw Creek, and Conewango Creek.</u> <u>This regulation does not apply to lakes within the Ohio River Basin.</u>	<u>Blue catfish: All tackle types are permitted.</u> <u>Catch and release/no harvest; it is unlawful to take, kill or possess blue catfish at any time.</u> <u>Flathead catfish: All tackle types are permitted.</u> <u>The daily limit and possession limit is 4 flathead catfish. Only 1 of the 4 flathead catfish may be greater than or equal to 35 inches in length.</u> <u>All other species—</u> <u>Commonwealth inland waters regulations apply. See § 61.1.</u>
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Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment described in the Commentary. If approved on final rulemaking, this amendment will go into effect January 1, 2027.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hussar and seconded by Commissioner Brock to approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment as described in the Commentary, with changes as necessary to clarify that “all tackle types are permitted” refers only to Blue Catfish and Flathead Catfish. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FISHERIES
PROPOSED RULEMAKING

D. Amendment to 58 Pa. Code § 69.24 (Limitations on Gear).

Commentary:

Pennsylvania's portion of Lake Erie supports a thriving Yellow Perch commercial fishery, and there are three commercial trap net licenses issued by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission). The commercial fishery is regulated by the Commission in Subchapter C (Commercial fishing licenses) and Subchapter D (Commercial fishing, seasons and nets) in 58 Pa. Code Chapter 69 (Fishing in Lake Erie and boundary lakes).

In 2024, the Commission amended 58 Pa. Code Chapter 69 following a systematic review by staff which identified amendments that streamlined regulatory compliance while continuing to provide resource protection to the Lake Erie fishery. However, in 2025, staff consulted the three licensed commercial trap netters and determined an additional amendment is warranted that would allow three license holders to operate from the same boat.

Staff propose that 58 Pa. Code § 69.24 be amended as follows:

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§ 69.24. Limitations on gear.

(a) A licensed trap netter may not use or fish more than six trap nets, singularly or in a series or tandem set, at any one time.

(b) No more than **[two] three** licensed trap netters may fish from the same boat at any one time. If two **or more** licensed trap netters fish from the same boat at the same time, the trap netters shall clearly and distinctly separate their catch into containers or boxes marked with their respective license numbers.

Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the proposed amendment as described in the Commentary. If adopted on final rulemaking, this amendment will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Charlesworth and seconded by Commissioner Pastore to approve the publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking containing the amendment as described in the Commentary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FISHERIES
DESIGNATIONS

A. Addition of Hammond Lake, Tioga County, to the Panfish Enhancement Program (58 Pa. Code § 65.11) for Crappies.

Commentary:

Hammond Lake, a 640-acre impoundment owned by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and managed by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission), is located in Tioga and Middlebury Townships, Tioga County, just southeast of the town of Tioga. The dam impounds Crooked Creek at river mile 2.78 upstream from its confluence with the Tioga River.

Panfish evaluations conducted in 2024 documented robust Black Crappie and White Crappie populations, with the majority of the fish captured being greater than 10 inches in total length. Given unique size structure and the propensity of anglers to harvest crappies, a more restrictive regulation is needed to conserve and enhance the fishery. As such, it is recommended this reservoir be managed with Panfish Enhancement angling regulations (58 Pa. Code § 65.11) for crappies. Panfish Enhancement regulations allow for year-round harvest of crappies (Black Crappie and White Crappie) greater than or equal to nine inches in length with a daily limit of 20. When Panfish Enhancement regulations in a waterway apply to one species, the creel limit is 20 for that species with the total creel not to exceed 50 panfish combined. All other fish species not managed under these special regulations will be managed under Commonwealth Inland Waters angling regulations (58 Pa. Code § 61.1).

A notice of proposed designation was published at 56 Pa.B. 1526 (March 14, 2026) (Exhibit I). The Commission received one public comment in support of the proposal. A copy of the public comment was provided to the Commissioners.

Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission add Hammond Lake, Tioga County, to the Panfish Enhancement program (58 Pa. Code § 65.11) for crappies as described in the Commentary. If approved, the designation will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gibney and seconded by Commissioner Kauffman to add Hammond Lake, Tioga County, to the Panfish Enhancement program (58 Pa. Code § 65.11) for crappies. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FISHERIES
DESIGNATIONS

B. Proposed Changes to the List of Class A Wild Trout Streams (58 Pa. Code § 57.8a).

Commentary:

During recent surveys, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) staff documented 28 additional stream sections to have Class A wild trout populations. Exhibit J provides information on the locations and a data summary for each of these waters.

A notice of proposed changes was published at 56 Pa.B. 975 (February 14, 2026) (Exhibit K). The Commission received two public comments regarding the proposed additions: all support the proposal. Copies of public comments were provided to the commissioners.

Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission add 28 stream sections to its Class A wild trout streams list as set forth in the notice of proposed changes. If approved, these additions will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Brock and seconded by Commissioner Charlesworth to add 28 stream sections to its Class A wild trout streams list as set forth in the notice of proposed changes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FISHERIES
DESIGNATIONS

C. Proposed Changes to the List of Wild Trout Streams (58 Pa. Code § 57.11).

Commentary:

During recent surveys, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) staff documented wild trout populations in 39 new waters and in six waters that are currently listed, qualifying them for listing or limit revision as wild trout streams under 58 Pa. Code § 57.11. Exhibit L provides information on the locations and a data summary for each of these waters.

A notice of proposed changes was published at 56 Pa.B. 978 (February 14, 2026) (Exhibit M). The Commission received a total of two public comments regarding the proposed additions and revisions: all support the proposal. Copies of public comments were provided to the commissioners.

Briefer:

David Nihart, Chief, Division of Fisheries Management

Recommendation:

Staff recommend that the Commission add 39 streams or portions of streams to its list of wild trout streams and revise the section limits of six waters that are currently listed as set forth in the notice of proposed changes. If approved, these additions and revisions will go into effect upon publication of a second notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

Action:

A motion was made by Commissioner Hussar and seconded by Commissioner Gibney to add 39 streams or portions of streams to its list of wild trout streams and revise the section limits of six waters that are currently listed as set forth in the notice of proposed changes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Other New Business

Commissioner Kauffman reported on a legislative luncheon he attended the prior week at Cheney University with Executive Director Schaeffer and Director of the Bureau of Hatcheries, Brian Niewinski, where they brainstormed with staff and students regarding the kind of partnerships that can be developed. He added that opportunities and ideas could present themselves regarding Bass fingerling feed experiments and was excited that the partnership will continue to grow.

Commissioner Anderson suggested revisiting fishing regulations for Catfish, especially Channel Catfish, by giving them more protection, such as introducing a size limit and reducing the current high daily catch limit. He noted increased investment in raising Catfish and argued for more conservative harvesting. In response, staff explained that Catfish are currently grouped with Panfish under the same 50-fish daily limit, but a new management effort is underway to treat species like Catfish separately. It was noted that it could lead to species-specific regulations, including Channel Catfish. The topic will be brought back for further discussion at a future Fisheries Committee meeting.

Commissioner Pastore praised staff for a highly successful open house at the Linesville State Fish Hatchery, noting strong public turnout and engagement. Others agreed, highlighting the popularity of the event, the staff's excellent work and the added value of volunteer group participation.

Commissioner Hussar inquired whether the Commission giving the state of New Jersey 20,000 adult brown trout was part of a normal fish-trading practice between states. It was explained that the fish were surplus, and in return for this type of fish-trading, Pennsylvania has received walleye eggs and other species. These exchanges aim to stay approximately equal in value and help save time and resources. Partnerships with nearby states, including New Jersey, Ohio and New York are common, with each state trading based on what they have in surplus.

Commissioner Lewis gave farewell remarks with this being his final meeting, reflecting lightheartedly on aging and his nearly nine years of service. He expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve in various leadership roles and emphasized the shared commitment of commissioners to protect fisheries, habitats and public safety, despite occasional disagreements and criticism. He described his time as meaningful and impactful, highlighting progress made during his tenure. In a break from tradition, he personally recognized Executive Director Schaeffer for his outstanding dedication to the Commission. The meeting concluded with appreciation and thanks for his service.

Time and Place of July 2026 Commission Meeting

President Mahn announced that the next quarterly commission meeting will be held on July 27, 2026, at the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission headquarters located at 1601 Elmerton Avenue in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Adjournment

A motion was made by President Mahn and seconded by Commissioner Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

PROPOSED RULEMAKING

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

[58 PA. CODE CH. 51]

Administrative Provisions; Fiscal Code Note Provisions

[56 Pa.B. 1571]

[Saturday, March 21, 2026]

The Fish and Boat Commission (commission) proposes to amend Chapter 51 (relating to administrative provisions). The commission is publishing this proposed rulemaking under the authority of 30 Pa.C.S. (relating to Fish and Boat Code). This rulemaking proposes to add Subchapter O to memorialize the fund flexibility created under section 1736-E of The Fiscal Code (72 P.S. § 1736-E).

A. Effective Date

This proposed rulemaking, if approved on final-form rulemaking, will go into effect upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

B. Contact Person

For further information on this proposed rulemaking, contact Robert J. Schefter, Esq., P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, (717) 705-7810. This proposed rulemaking is available on the commission's website at <https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/fishandboat.html>.

C. Statutory Authority

This proposed amendment to Chapter 51 is published under the statutory authority of 30 Pa.C.S. §§ 521 and 531 (relating to establishment and use of Fish Fund; and establishment and use of Boat Fund). The specific authority for the funding flexibility memorialized in the proposed amendment is published under the statutory authority of section 1736-E(a) and (b) of The Fiscal Code.

D. Purpose and Background

The Fiscal Code (72 P.S. §§ 1—1810.10005) was amended in 2025 to permit the commission to use Fish Fund money for expenditures related to boats and boating that also benefit fish and fishing and Boat Fund money for expenditures related to fish and fishing that also benefit boats and boating in section 1736-E(a) and (b) of The Fiscal Code. Previously, no crossover of funds was permitted in 30 Pa.C.S. § 521 or § 531, leading to inefficiency and higher costs for boaters and anglers.

Section 1736-E(a) and (b) of The Fiscal Code is a permanent provision of The Fiscal Code and grants the commission much needed flexibility in funding its mission. However, The Fiscal Code is a voluminous legislative document not regularly referenced by commission staff. The commission needs to memorialize this funding flexibility in its own regulations so that staff members have proper notice of these provisions of The Fiscal Code. This proposed rulemaking satisfies the need by memorializing in the commission's regulations the funding flexibility granted by The Fiscal Code and providing notice thereof in a manner that could not be achieved by less formal means. This

proposed rulemaking does not grant any new authority to the commission; rather it simply memorializes the authority granted by The Fiscal Code.

E. Summary of Proposal

The commission has the authority to create an administrative provision to permit the crossover of funds to ensure efficient processes and reasonable costs for boaters and anglers, which is not otherwise provided for in the Fish and Boat Code. The commission proposes that Chapter 51 be amended to include Subchapter O to memorialize the fund flexibility created by The Fiscal Code as set forth in Annex A. A new subchapter is warranted because there are no other subchapters in Chapter 51 related to funding, and Subchapter O and § 51.151 (relating to Fish Fund) are the next chronological notations. The language used in the proposed rulemaking in § 51.151 is adopted directly from section 1736-E(a) of the The Fiscal Code, and the language used in § 51.152 (relating to Boat Fund) is adopted directly from section 1736-E(b) of The Fiscal Code.

F. Paperwork

This proposed rulemaking will not increase paperwork and will not create new paperwork requirements.

G. Fiscal Impact

This proposed rulemaking will have no adverse fiscal impact on the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions.

H. Public Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, objections or suggestions about this proposed rulemaking to the Executive Director, Fish and Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, within 30 days after publication of this notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Comments submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

Comments also may be submitted electronically to ra-pfbcregulations@pa.gov. Electronic comments submitted in any other manner will not be accepted.

TIMOTHY D. SCHAEFFER,
Executive Director

Fiscal Note: 48A-372. No fiscal impact; recommends adoption.

Annex A

TITLE 58. RECREATION

PART II. FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Subpart A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

CHAPTER 51. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

(Editor's Note: Subchapter O is proposed to be added and is printed in regular type to enhance readability.)

Subchapter O. FISCAL CODE PROVISIONS

Sec.

51.151. Fish Fund.

51.152. Boat Fund.

§ 51.151. Fish Fund.

Notwithstanding 30 Pa.C.S. § 521 (relating to establishment and use of Fish Fund), under section 1736-E(a) of The Fiscal Code (72 P.S. § 1736-E(a)), money in the Fish Fund may be expended by the commission for activities related to boats and boating that benefit fish and fishing.

§ 51.152. Boat Fund.

Notwithstanding 30 Pa.C.S. § 531 (relating to establishment and use of Boat Fund), under section 1736-E(b) of The Fiscal Code (72 P.S. § 1736-E(b)), money in the Boat Fund may be expended by the commission for activities related to fish and fishing that benefit boats and boating.

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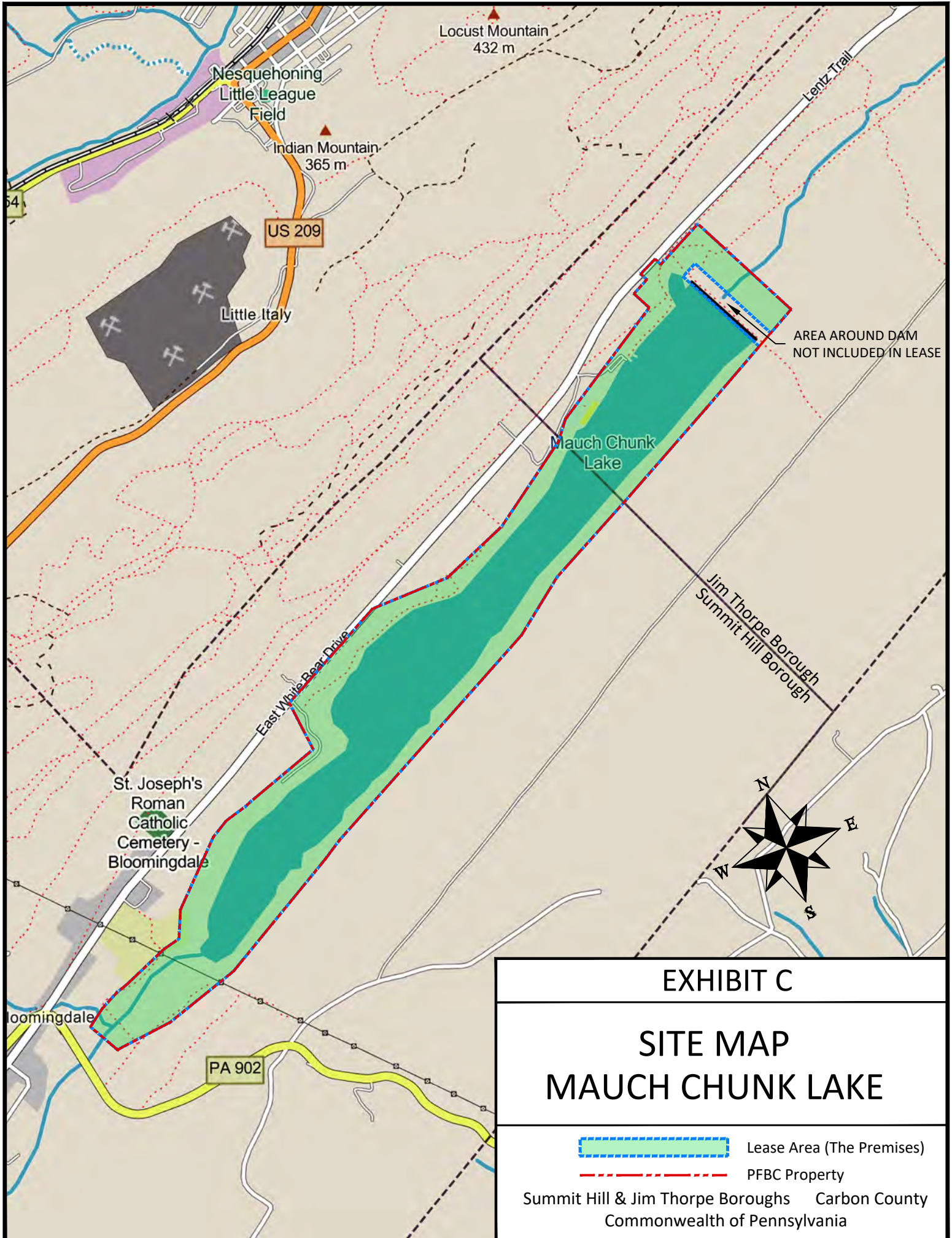


EXHIBIT C

SITE MAP
MAUCH CHUNK LAKE

Lease Area (The Premises)

PFBC Property

Summit Hill & Jim Thorpe Boroughs Carbon County
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

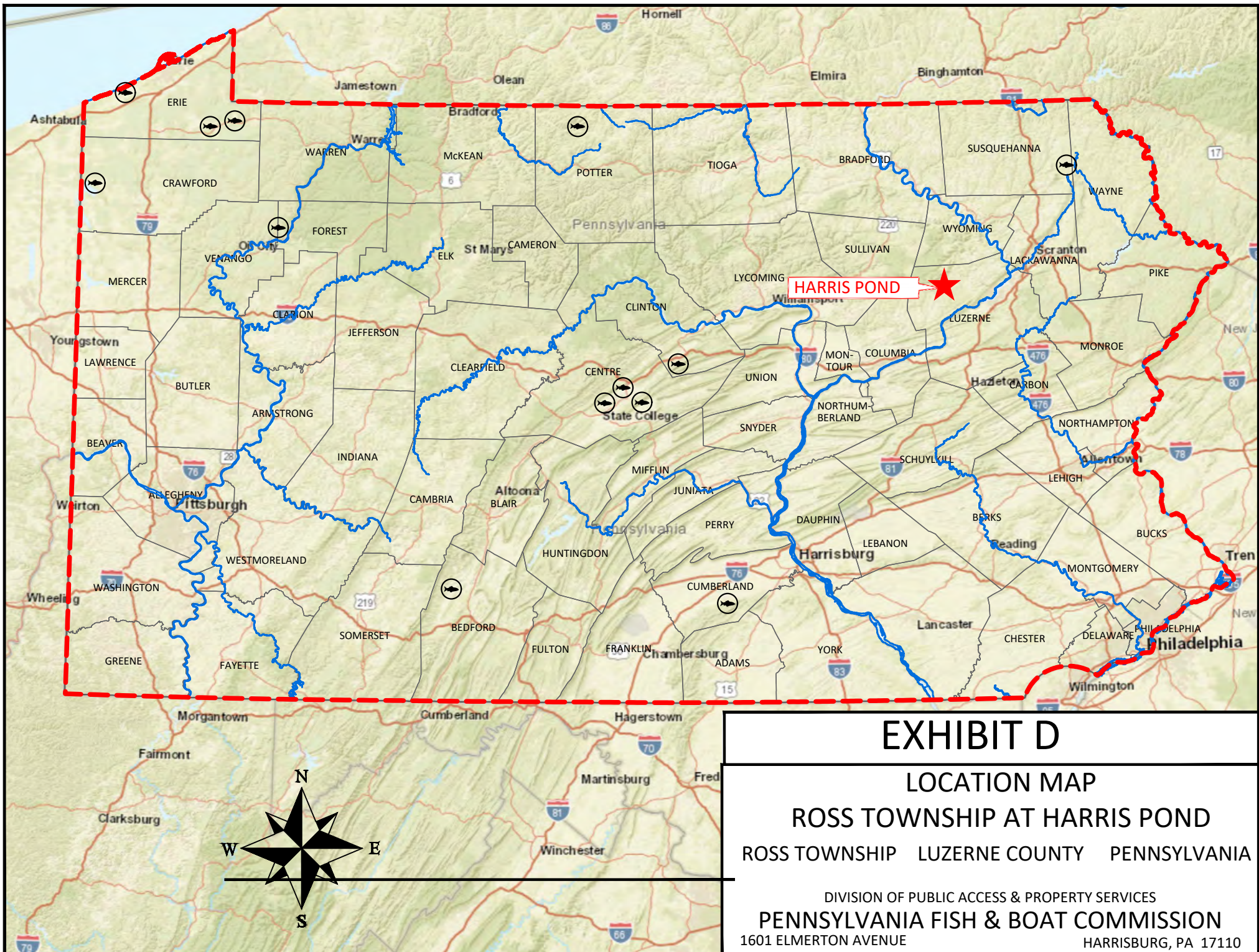


EXHIBIT D

LOCATION MAP

ROSS TOWNSHIP AT HARRIS POND

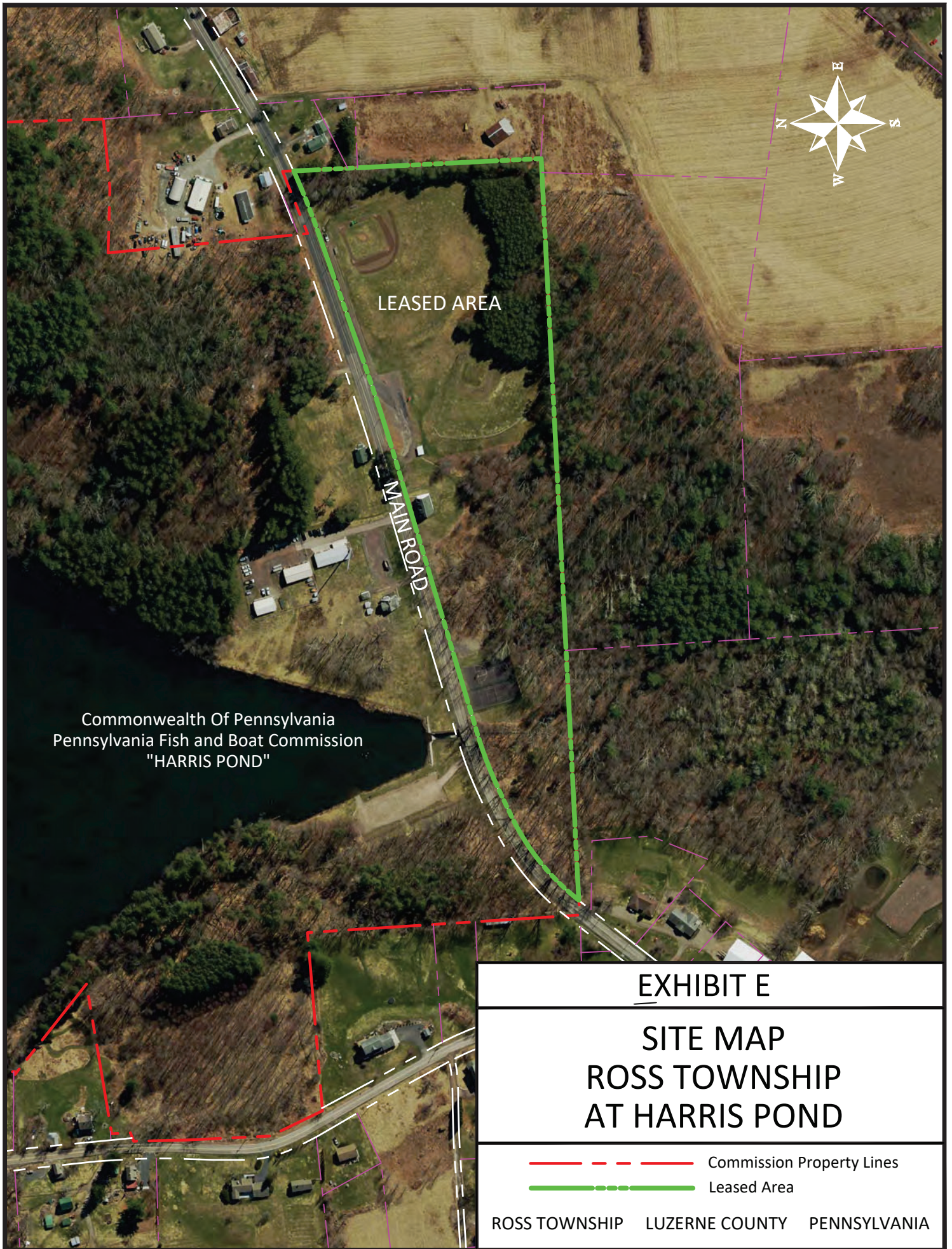
ROSS TOWNSHIP LUZERNE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

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PENNSYLVANIA FISH & BOAT COMMISSION

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HARRISBURG, PA 17110



LEASED AREA

Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
"HARRIS POND"

MAIN ROAD

EXHIBIT E

SITE MAP ROSS TOWNSHIP AT HARRIS POND

- Commission Property Lines
- Leased Area

ROSS TOWNSHIP LUZERNE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA

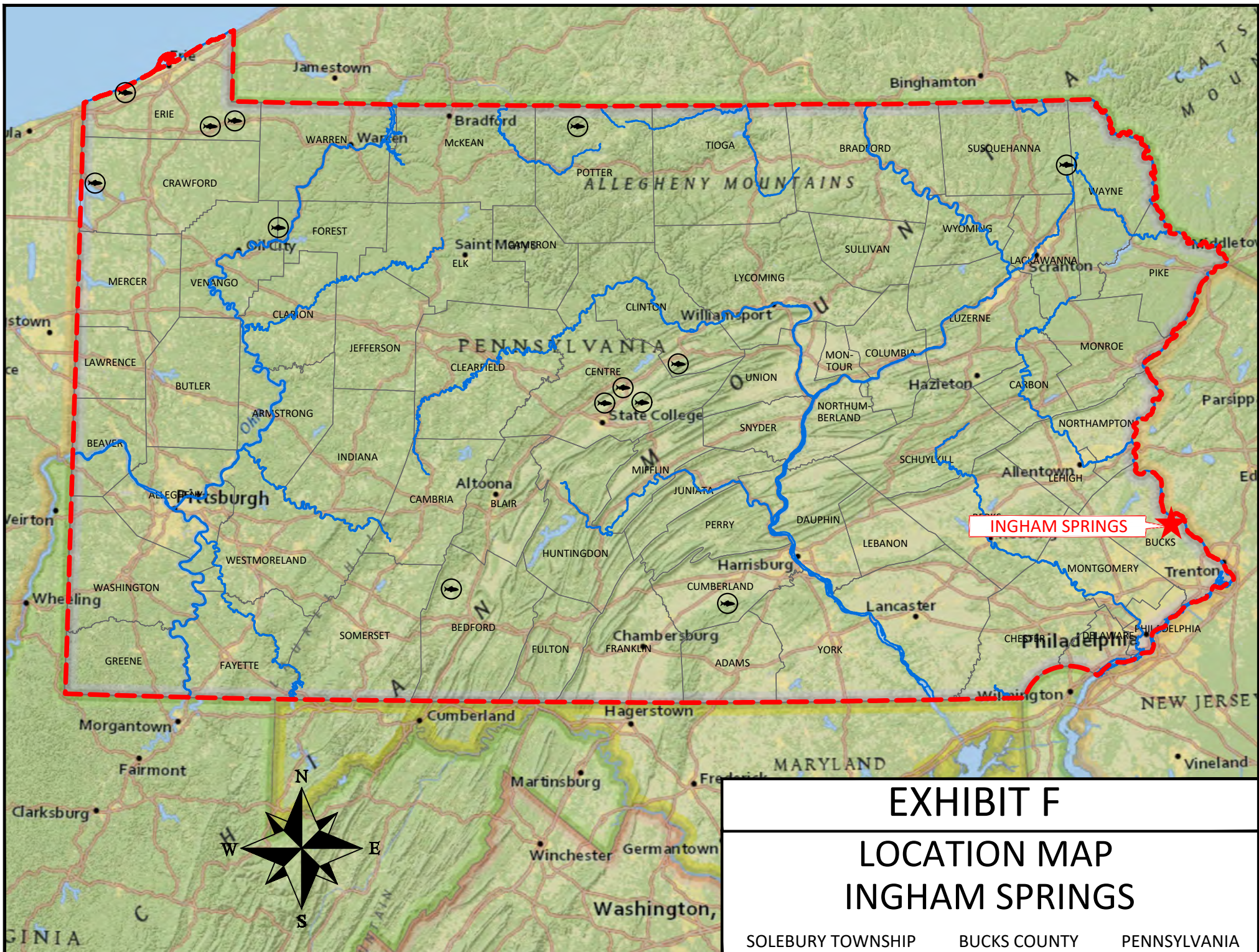


EXHIBIT F

LOCATION MAP INGHAM SPRINGS

SOLEBURY TOWNSHIP

BUCKS COUNTY

PENNSYLVANIA



Access Easement

Aquetong Spring Park
Solebury Township

INGHAM SPRINGS
0.245 Acres

LOWER MOUNTAIN ROAD

EXHIBIT G

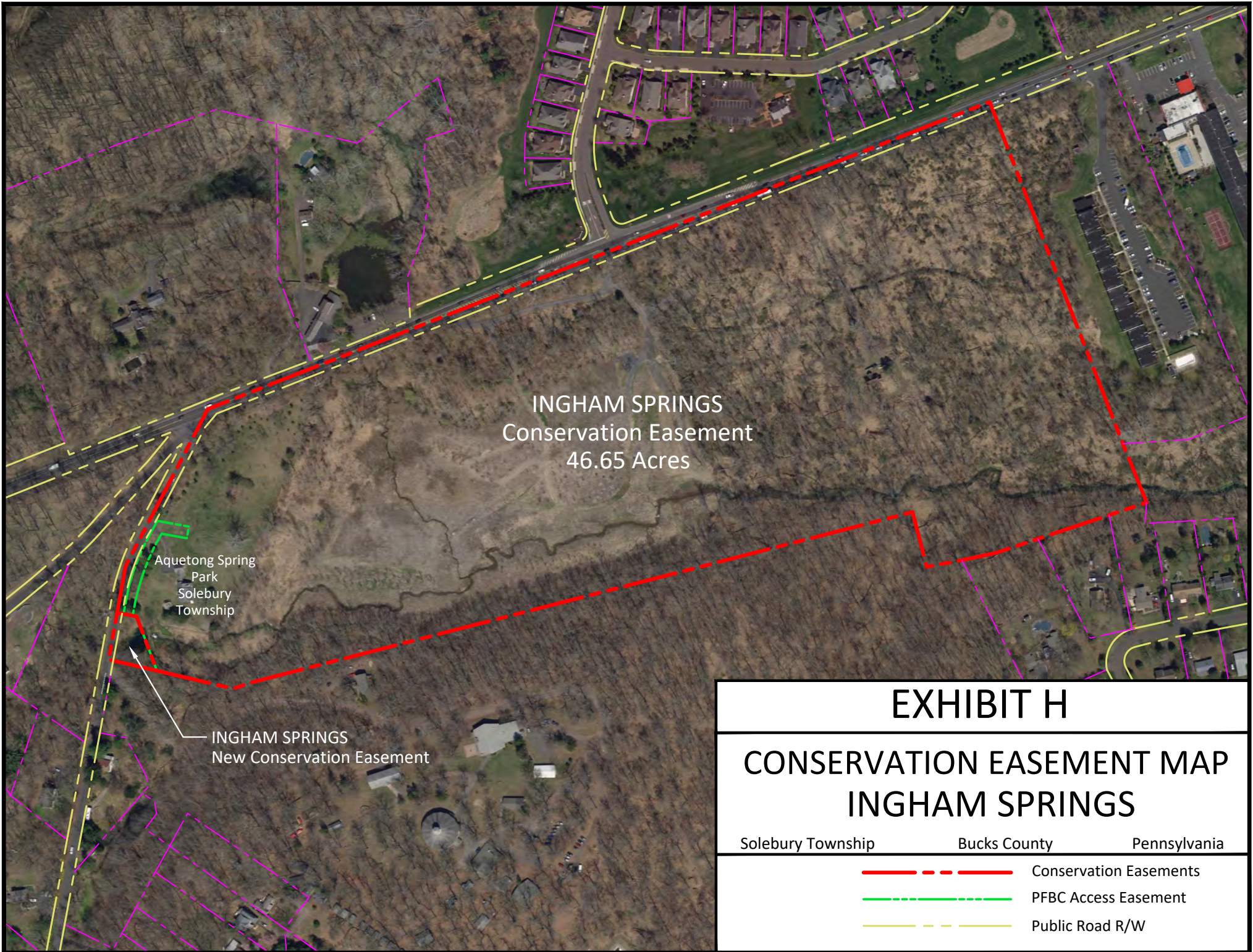
SITE MAP INGHAM SPRINGS

Solebury Township

Bucks County

Pennsylvania

- PFBC Property Lines
- PFBC Access Easement
- Public Road R/W



INGHAM SPRINGS
Conservation Easement
46.65 Acres

Aquetong Spring
Park
Solebury
Township

INGHAM SPRINGS
New Conservation Easement

EXHIBIT H		
CONSERVATION EASEMENT MAP INGHAM SPRINGS		
Solebury Township	Bucks County	Pennsylvania
		Conservation Easements
		PFBC Access Easement
		Public Road R/W

NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Proposed Special Regulation Designation

[56 Pa.B. 1526]
[Saturday, March 14, 2026]

The Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) has approved guidelines with regard to encouraging public participation on possible changes to the designation of streams, stream sections or lakes for special regulation programs. Under 58 Pa. Code Chapter 65 (relating to special fishing regulations), the Commission designates or redesignates certain streams, stream sections and lakes as being subject to special fishing regulations. These designations and redesignations are effective after Commission approval when they are posted at the site and a notice is published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Under the Commission's guidelines, a notice concerning the proposed designation of a stream, stream section or lake under special regulations ordinarily will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* before the matter is reviewed by the Board of Commissioners.

At the next Commission meeting on April 27, 2026, the Commission will consider taking the following action with respect to waters subject to special fishing regulations under 58 Pa. Code Chapter 65, effective upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

58 Pa. Code § 65.11. Panfish enhancement

The Commission will consider adding the following water to its list of panfish enhancement waters regulated and managed under 58 Pa. Code § 65.11 (relating to panfish enhancement):

<i>County</i>	<i>Water</i>	<i>Species</i>
Tioga	Hammond Lake	Crappie

Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the designation are invited to submit comments in writing to the Executive Director, Fish and Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, within 30 days after publication of this notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Comments submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

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Dry Gap Run, Blair County

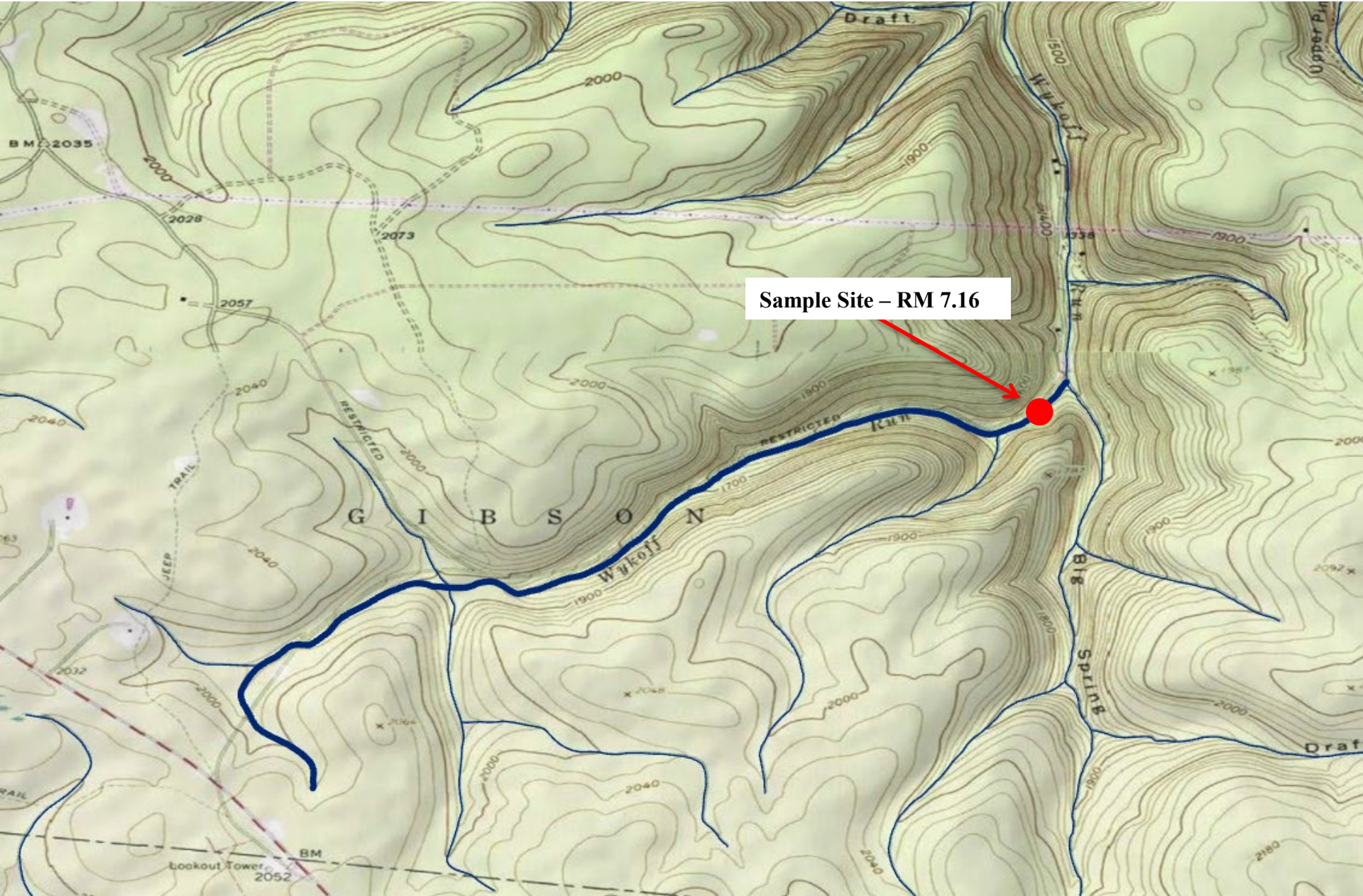


Dry Gap Run, Blair County

Brook Trout RM – 0.05
Site Length – 280 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	2	0.03	7
2	30	0.97	107
3	1	0.08	4
4	11	1.96	39
5	38	12.09	136
6	27	14.45	96
7	4	3.33	14
Total	113	32.91	403

Wykoff Run, Cameron County



Wykoff Run, Cameron County

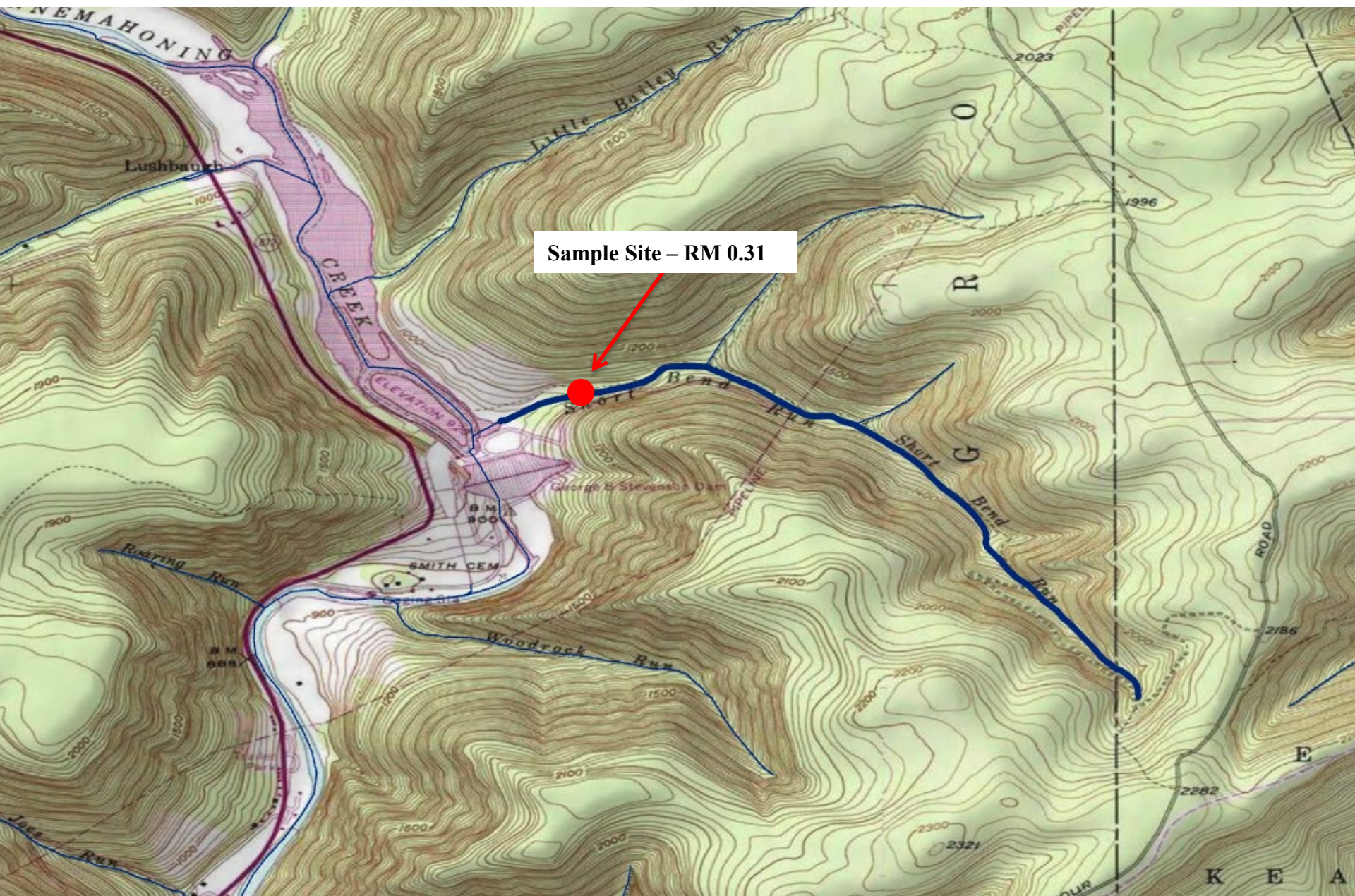
Brook Trout RM – 7.16
Site Length – 460 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	138	5.99	300
3	52	5.37	113
4	57	13.65	124
5	20	8.56	43
6	6	4.32	13
7	1	1.12	2
Total	274	39.01	595

Brown Trout RM – 7.16
Site Length – 460 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
5	2	0.92	4
Total	2	0.92	4

Short Bend Run, Cameron/Clinton Counties

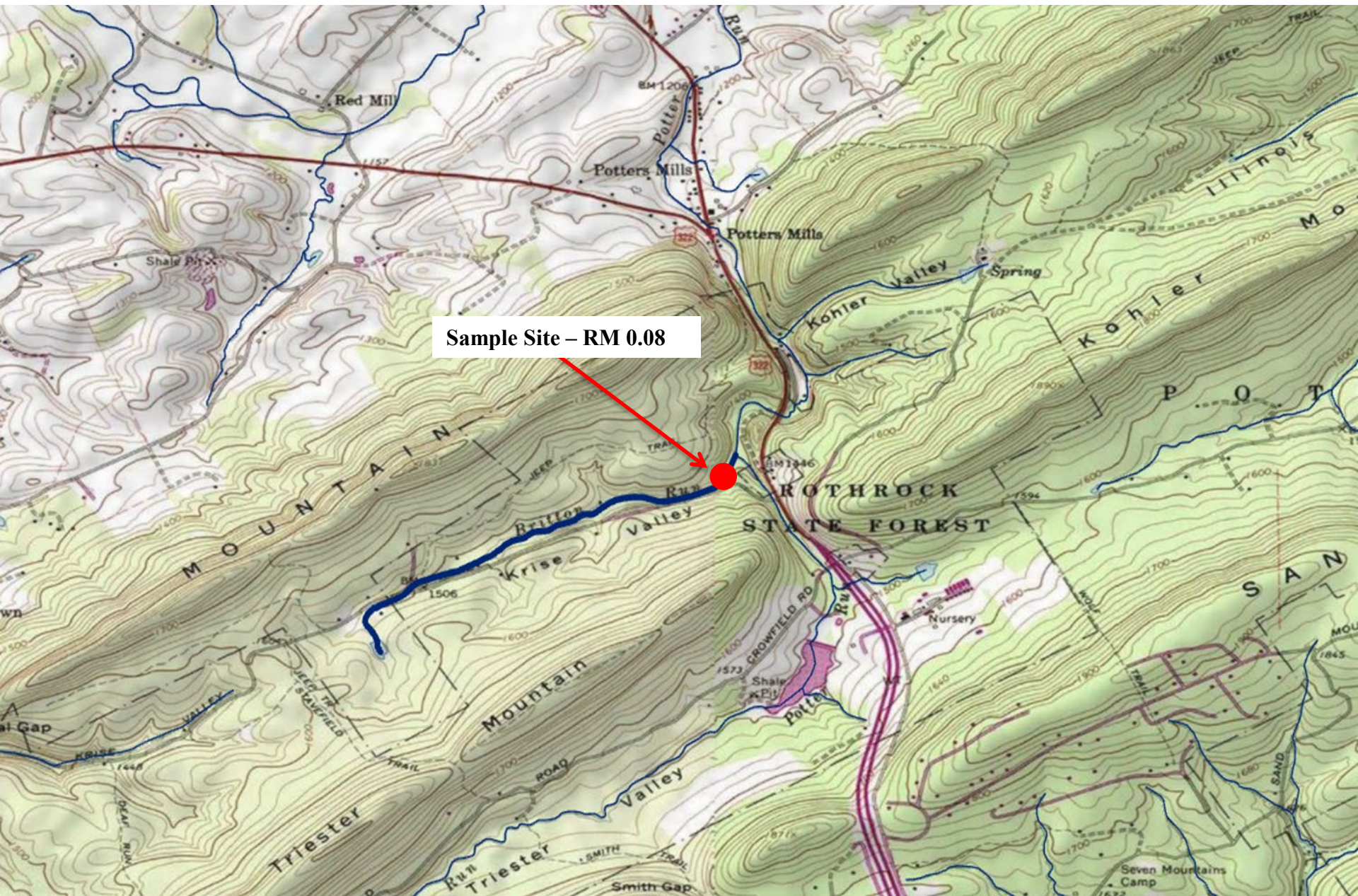


Short Bend Run, Cameron/Clinton Counties

Brook Trout RM – 0.31
Site Length – 360 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	117	4.56	325
3	17	1.58	47
4	26	5.60	72
5	18	6.93	50
6	11	7.12	31
7	8	8.06	22
8	4	5.84	11
Total	201	39.69	558

Britton Run, Centre County



Britton Run, Centre County

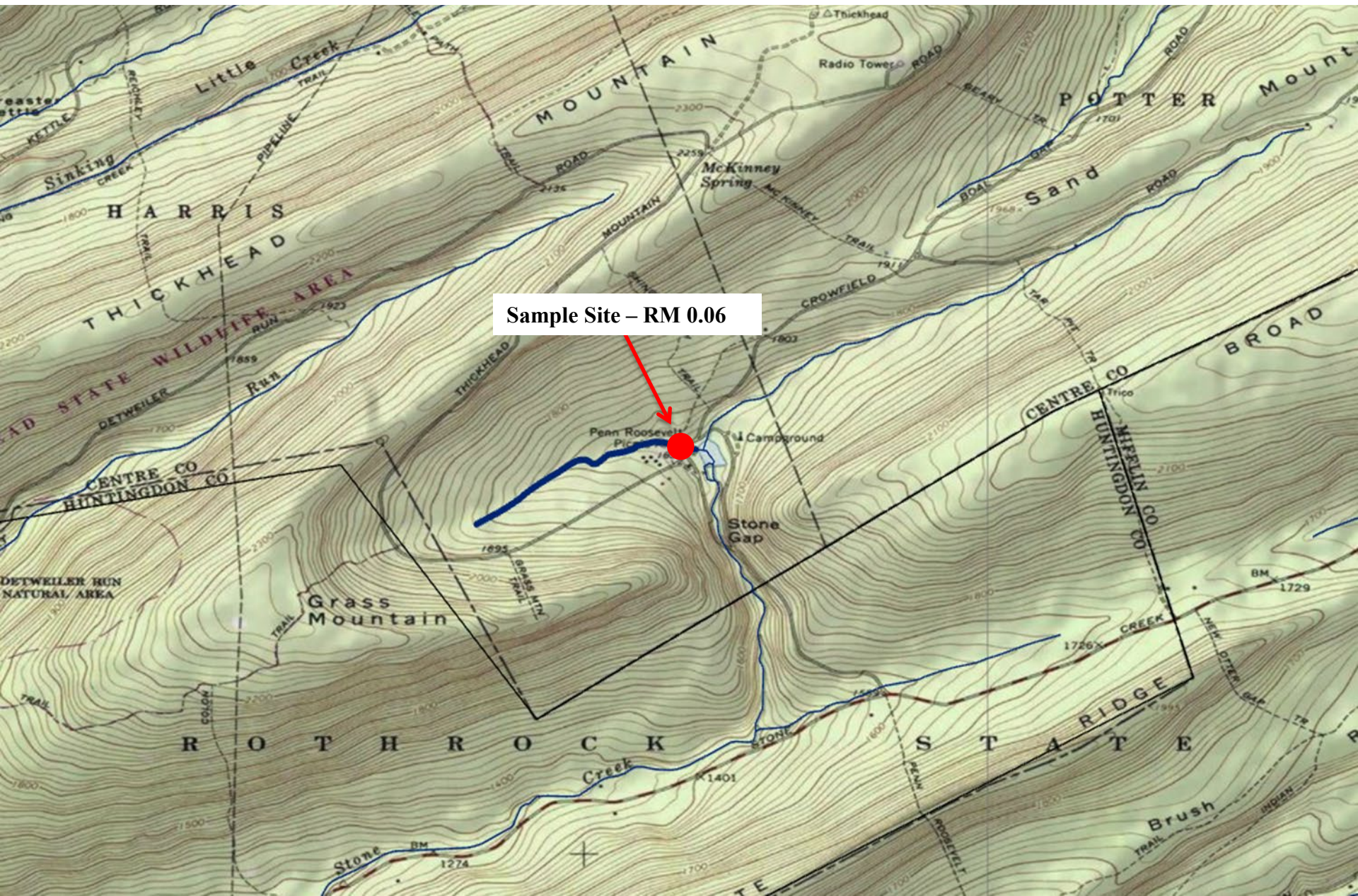
Brook Trout RM – 0.08
Site Length – 215 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	3	0.09	14
2	82	5.68	381
3	13	2.14	60
4	13	4.97	60
5	14	9.57	65
6	5	5.75	23
7	4	7.16	19
8	1	2.59	5
Total	135	37.95	627

Brown Trout RM – 0.08
Site Length – 215 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	2	0.14	9
4	2	0.80	9
5	4	2.94	19
6	1	1.23	5
Total	9	5.11	42

UNT to Standing Stone Creek (RM 34.29), Centre County



UNT to Standing Stone Creek (RM 34.29), Centre County

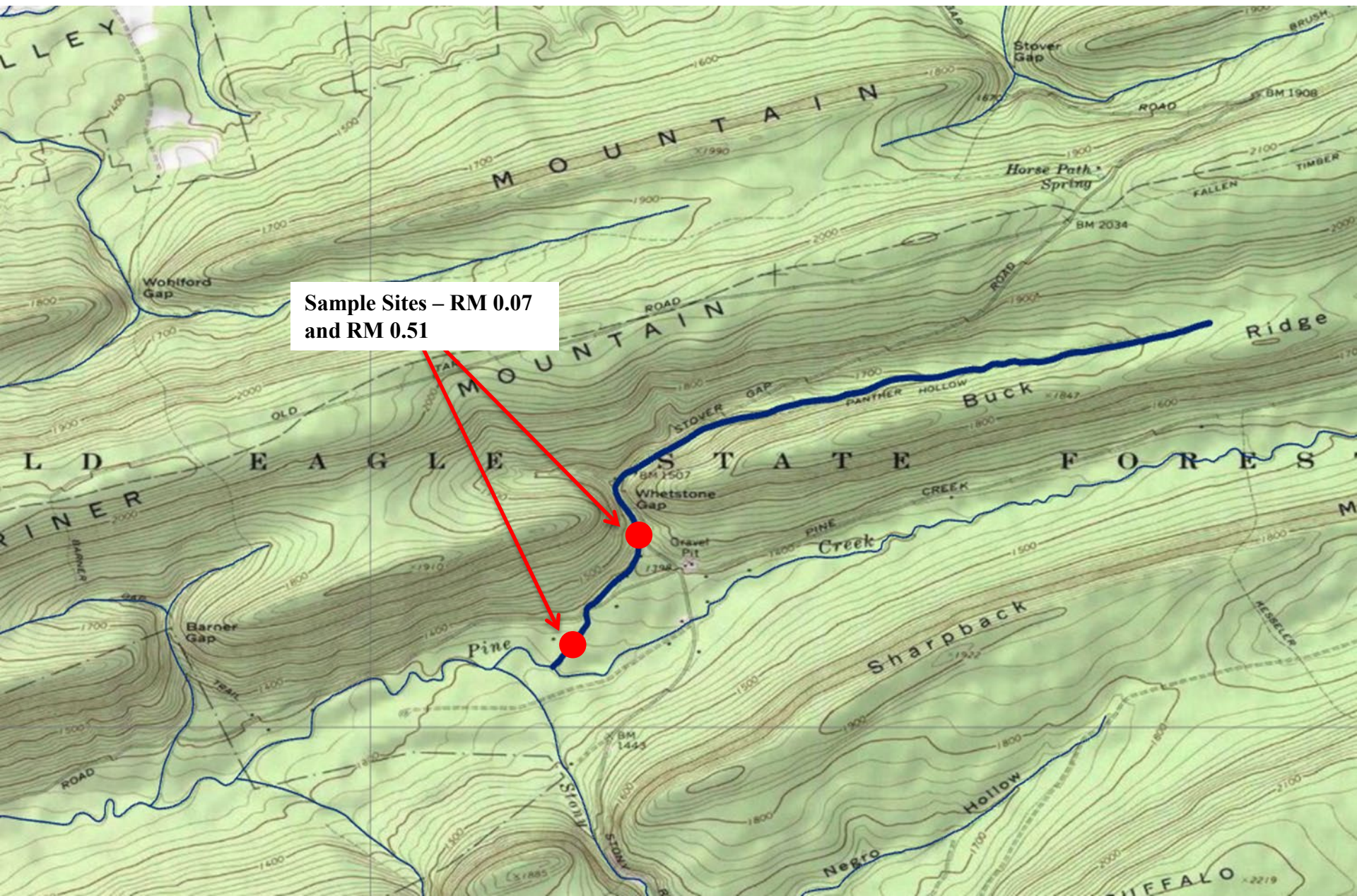
Brook Trout RM – 0.06
Site Length – 135 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	2	0.09	15
2	61	12.31	867
3	5	1.25	37
4	20	11.62	148
5	6	8.31	59
6	3	5.24	22
Total	97	38.82	1,148

Brown Trout RM – 0.06
Site Length – 135 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
8	1	4.13	7
Total	1	4.13	7

Whetstone Gap Run, Centre County



Whetstone Gap Run, Centre County

Brook Trout RM – 0.07
Site Length – 230 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	72	3.37	313
3	14	1.56	61
4	15	3.87	65
5	7	3.23	30
6	4	3.10	17
7	1	1.21	4
9	1	2.49	4
Total	114	18.33	494

Brown Trout RM – 0.07
Site Length – 230 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	1	0.02	4
2	2	0.10	9
3	1	0.12	4
4	2	0.54	9
5	1	0.50	4
6	3	2.49	13
7	4	5.08	17
8	1	1.84	4
9	1	2.55	4
13	1	7.22	4
Total	17	20.46	72

Whetstone Gap Run, Centre County

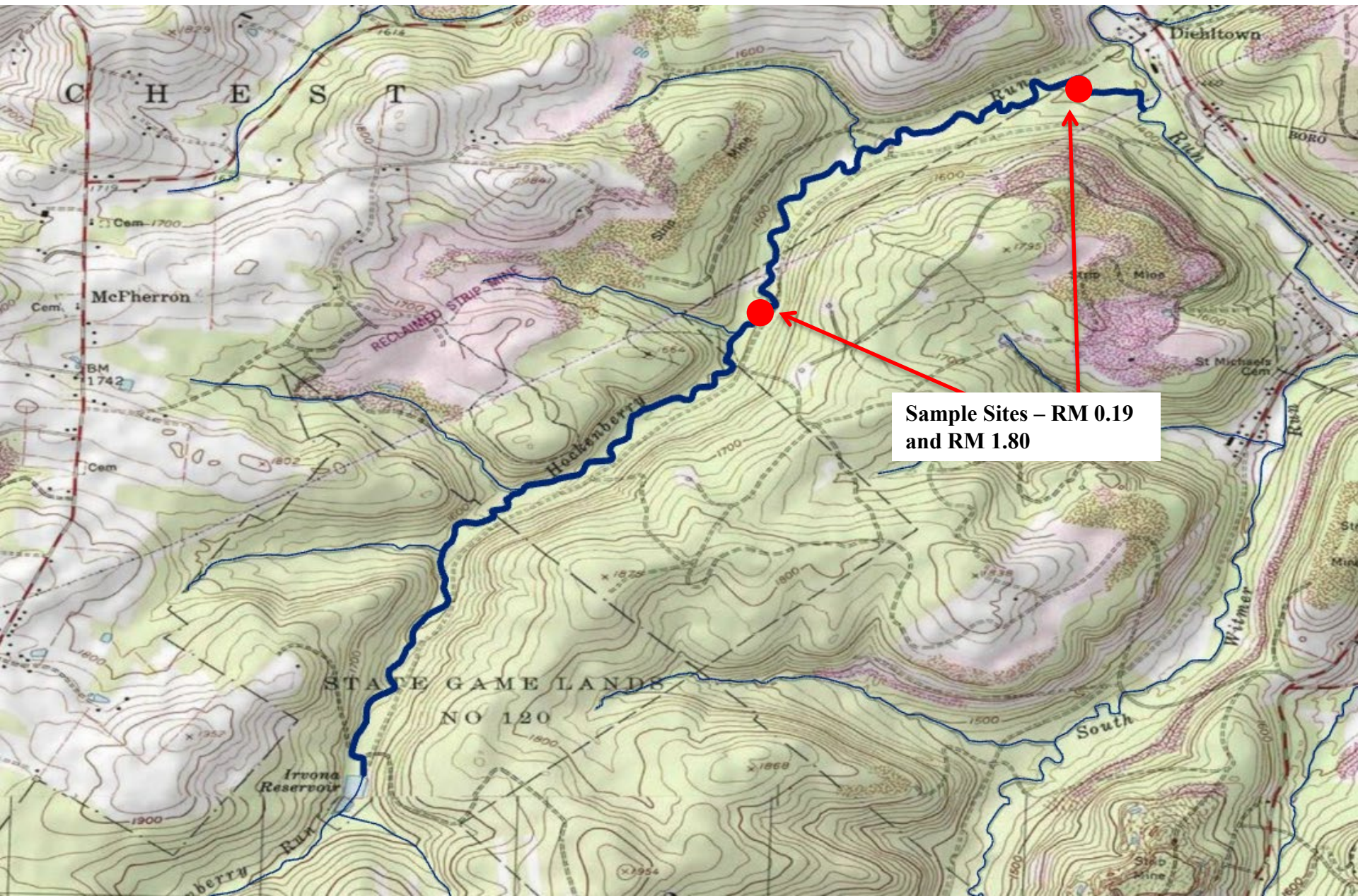
Brook Trout RM – 0.51
Site Length – 200 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	1	0.03	5
2	35	2.37	175
3	4	0.64	20
4	26	9.70	130
5	12	8.00	60
6	7	7.85	35
7	3	5.24	15
Total	88	33.83	440

Brown Trout RM – 0.51
Site Length – 200 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
7	1	1.83	5
9	1	3.69	5
12	1	8.29	5
16	1	19.02	5
Total	4	32.83	20

Hockenberry Run, Clearfield County



Hockenberry Run, Clearfield County

Brook Trout RM – 0.19
Site Length – 304 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	85	4.47	526
3	17	1.73	86
4	18	3.70	79
5	28	8.27	99
6	17	8.35	59
7	6	5.05	23
8	2	2.09	7
Total	173	33.66	879

Brown Trout RM – 0.19
Site Length – 304 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	1	0.03	3
4	1	0.16	3
Total	2	0.19	6

Hockenberry Run, Clearfield County

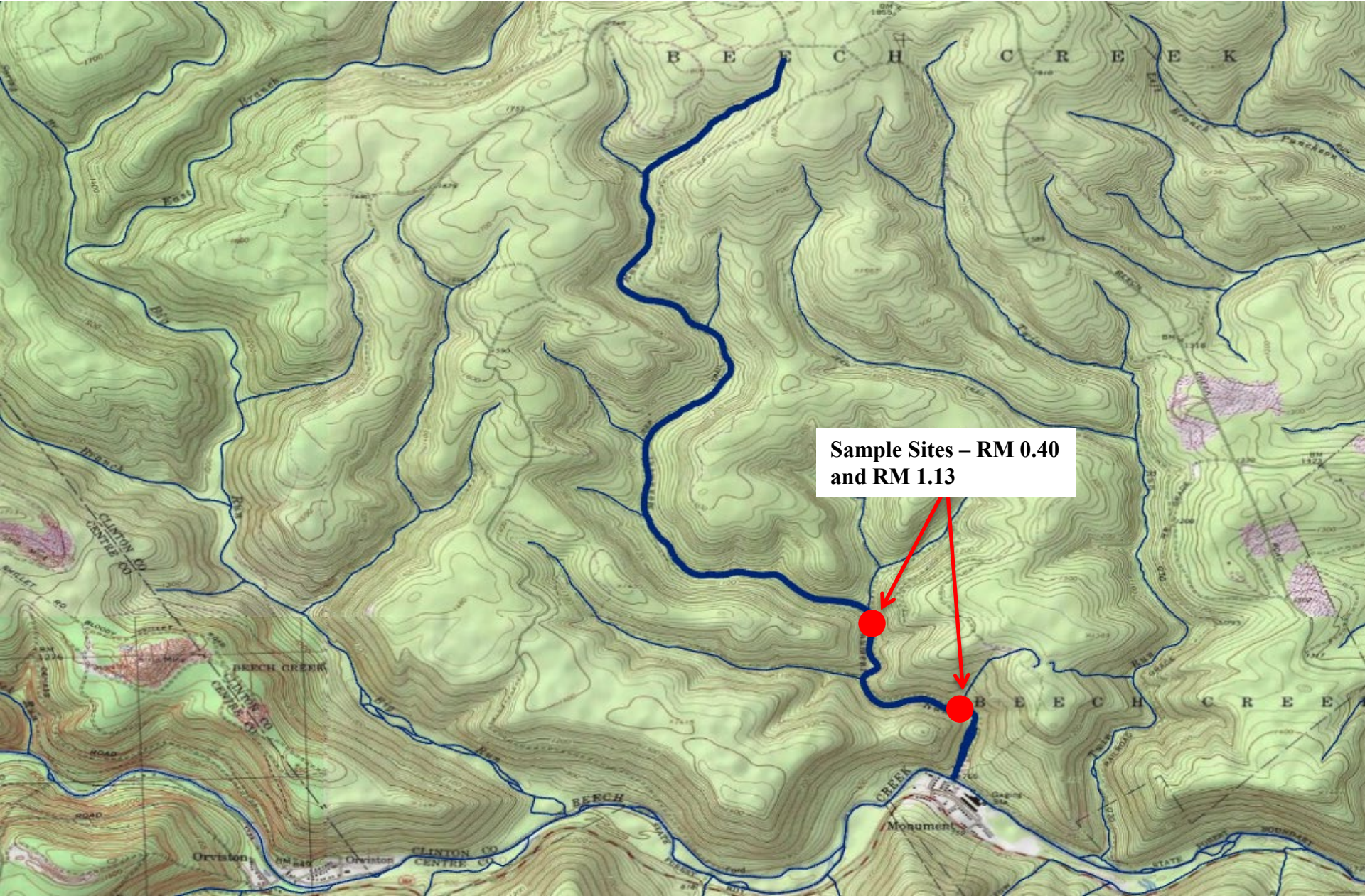
Brook Trout RM – 1.80
Site Length – 360 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	90	3.19	250
3	7	0.59	19
4	14	2.74	39
5	21	7.34	58
6	22	12.94	61
7	8	7.32	22
8	4	5.30	11
9	1	1.89	3
Total	167	41.31	463

Brown Trout RM – 1.80
Site Length – 360 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	1	0.09	3
4	1	0.21	3
Total	2	0.30	6

Monument Run, Clinton County



Monument Run, Clinton County

Brook Trout RM – 0.40
Site Length – 425 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	76	2.63	325
3	39	2.82	146
4	18	2.42	54
5	13	2.64	33
6	7	2.22	16
7	6	3.45	16
8	4	3.57	12
Total	163	19.75	602

Brown Trout RM – 0.40
Site Length – 425 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
12	1	2.34	2
Total	1	2.34	2

Monument Run, Clinton County

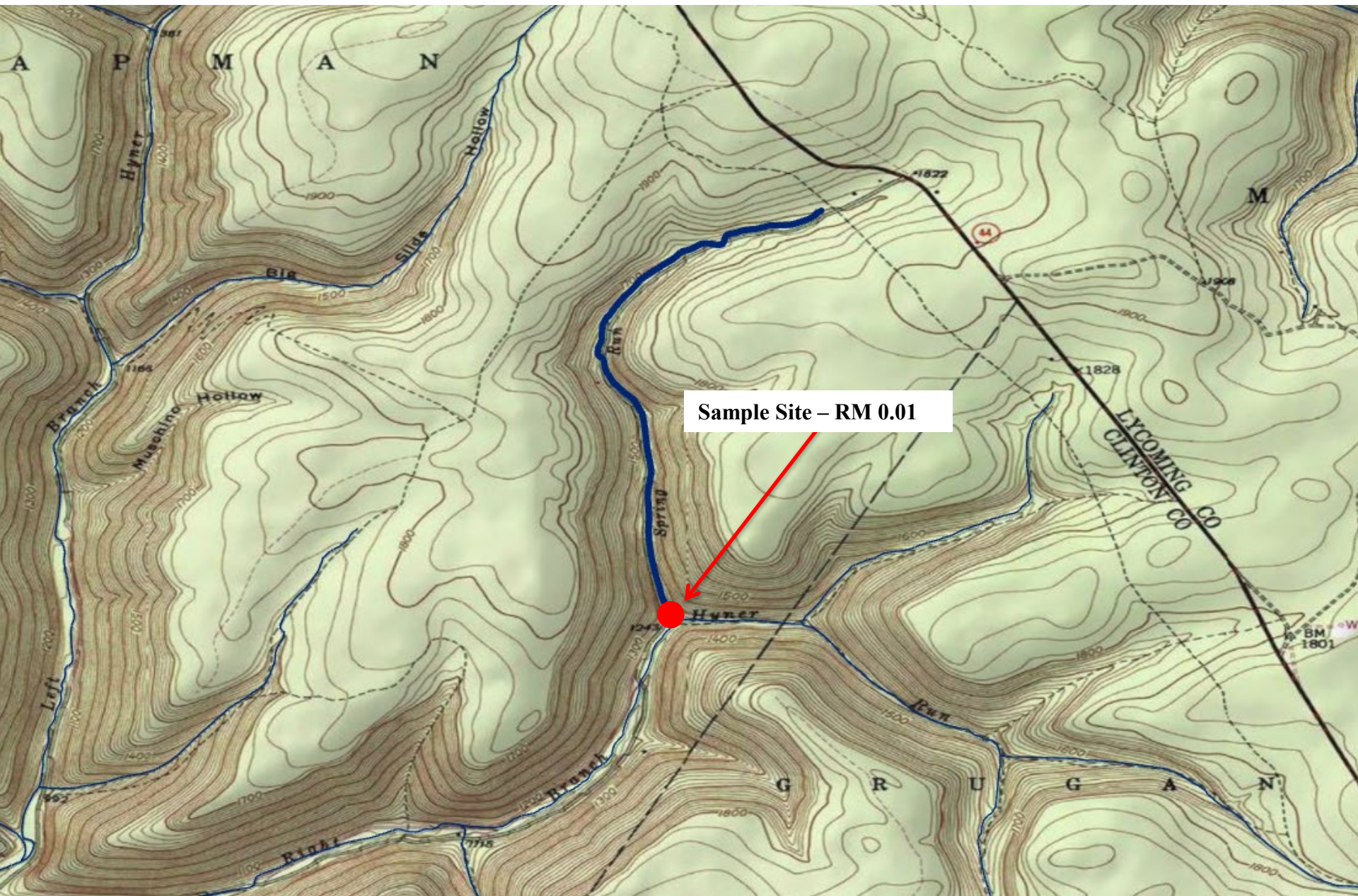
Brook Trout RM – 1.13
Site Length – 425 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	68	6.22	405
3	45	7.31	200
4	28	7.38	87
5	28	11.77	78
6	10	6.60	26
7	8	7.47	19
8	4	6.76	12
9	1	1.92	2
Total	192	55.43	829

Brown Trout RM – 1.13
Site Length – 425 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
6	2	1.28	5
13	1	5.59	2
Total	3	6.87	7

Spring Run, Clinton County



Spring Run, Clinton County

Brook Trout RM – 0.01
Site Length – 285 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	36	0.76	126
2	6	0.29	21
3	4	0.47	14
4	22	6.77	88
5	20	16.46	119
6	12	11.40	49
7	3	3.80	11
Total	103	39.95	428

UNT to Monument Run (RM 0.86), Clinton County



UNT to Monument Run (RM 0.86), Clinton County

Brook Trout RM – 0.02
Site Length – 265 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	57	5.78	294
3	17	3.35	72
4	7	3.68	34
5	11	8.04	42
6	4	6.15	19
7	3	5.74	11
Total	99	32.74	472

UNT to Monument Run (RM 1.24), Clinton County

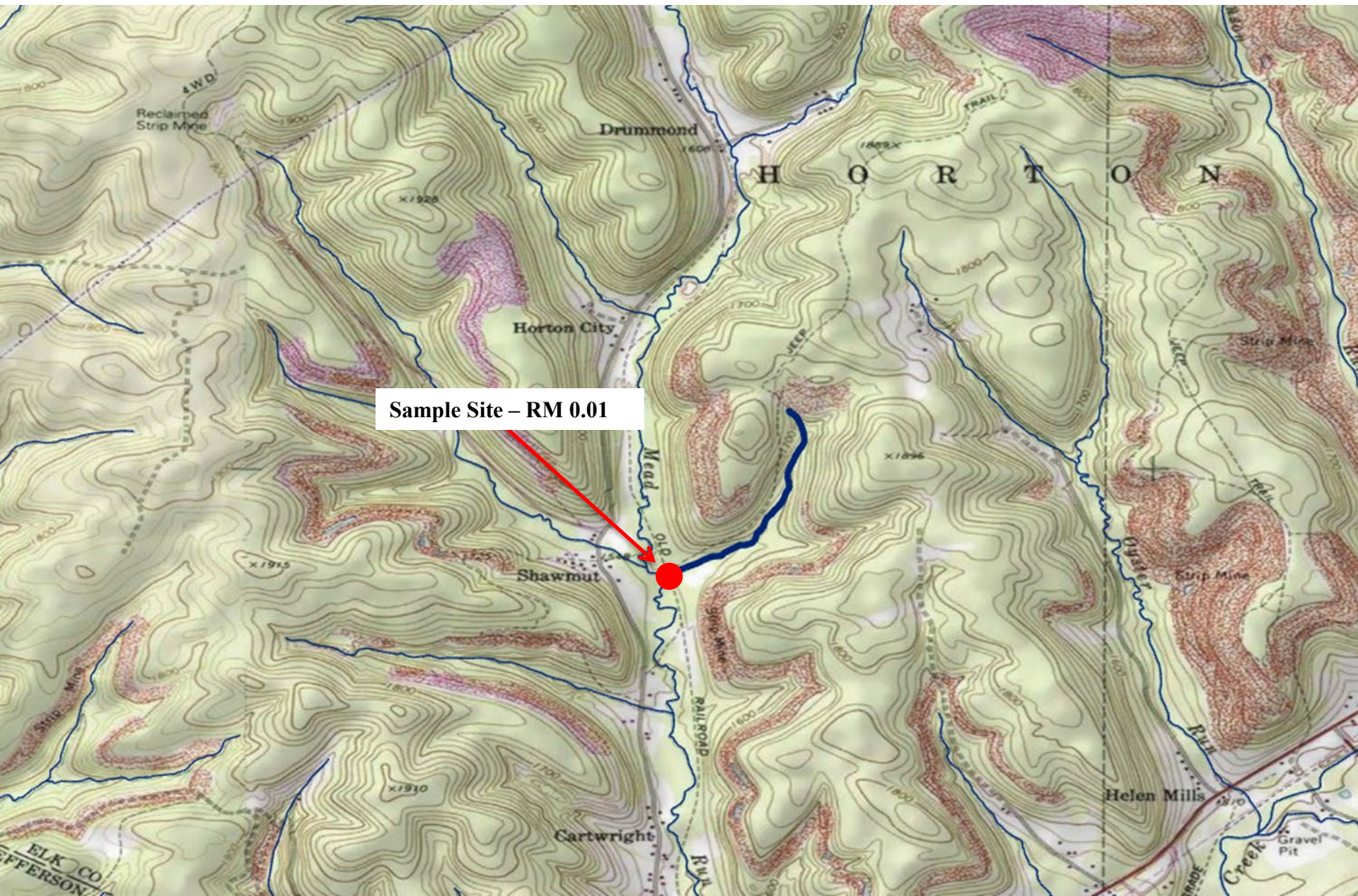


UNT to Monument Run (RM 1.24), Clinton County

Brook Trout RM – 0.00
Site Length – 155 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	30	4.85	194
3	4	1.54	26
4	13	11.60	84
5	15	23.92	97
6	12	32.20	77
Total	74	74.11	478

UNT to Mead Run (RM 2.52), Elk County

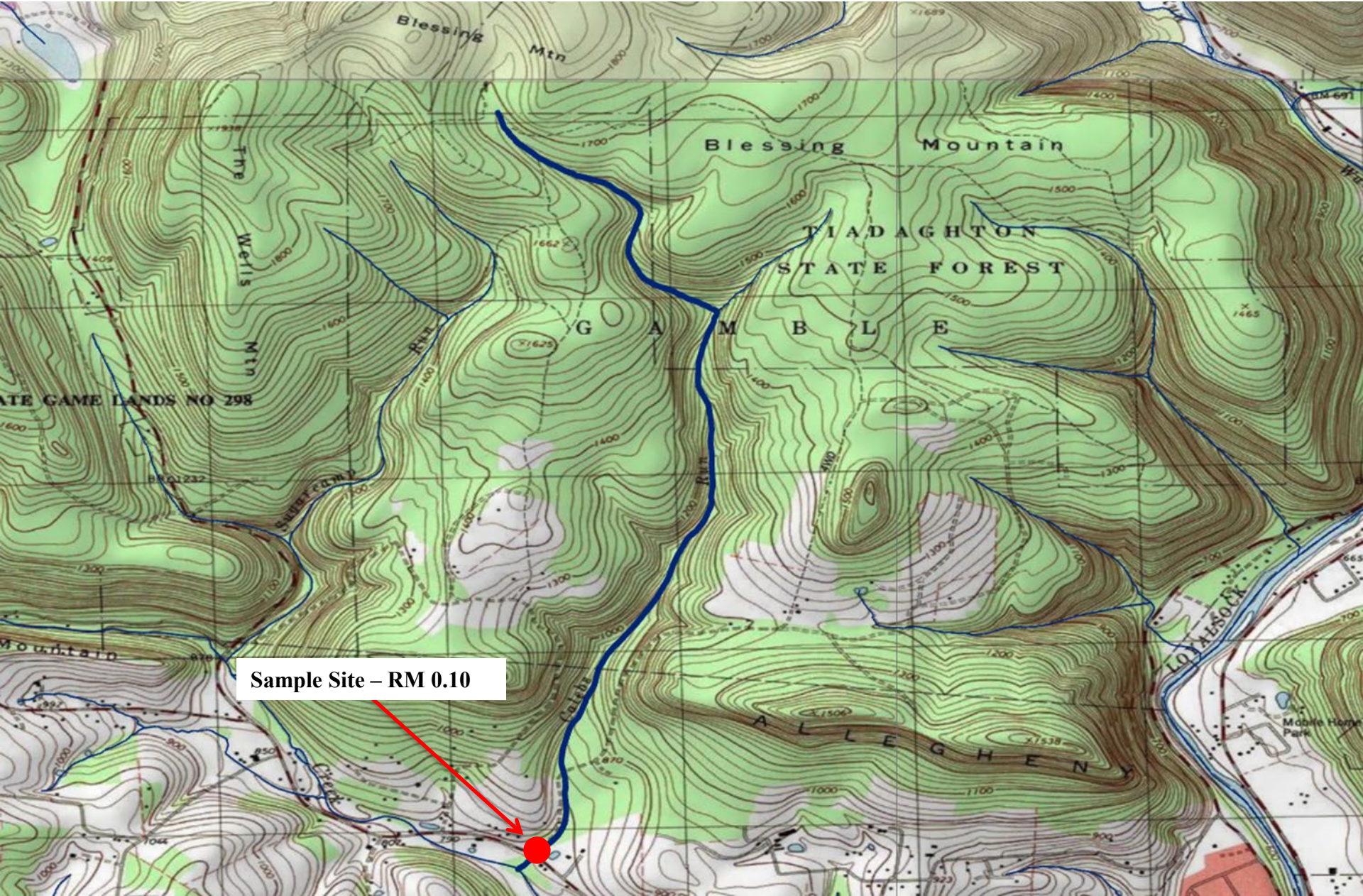


UNT to Mead Run (RM 2.52), Elk County

Brook Trout RM – 0.01
Site Length – 113 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	8	1.49	71
3	12	5.31	106
5	3	5.50	27
6	3	9.26	27
7	1	4.80	9
8	2	13.92	18
Total	29	40.28	258

Calebs Run, Lycoming County



Calebs Run, Lycoming County

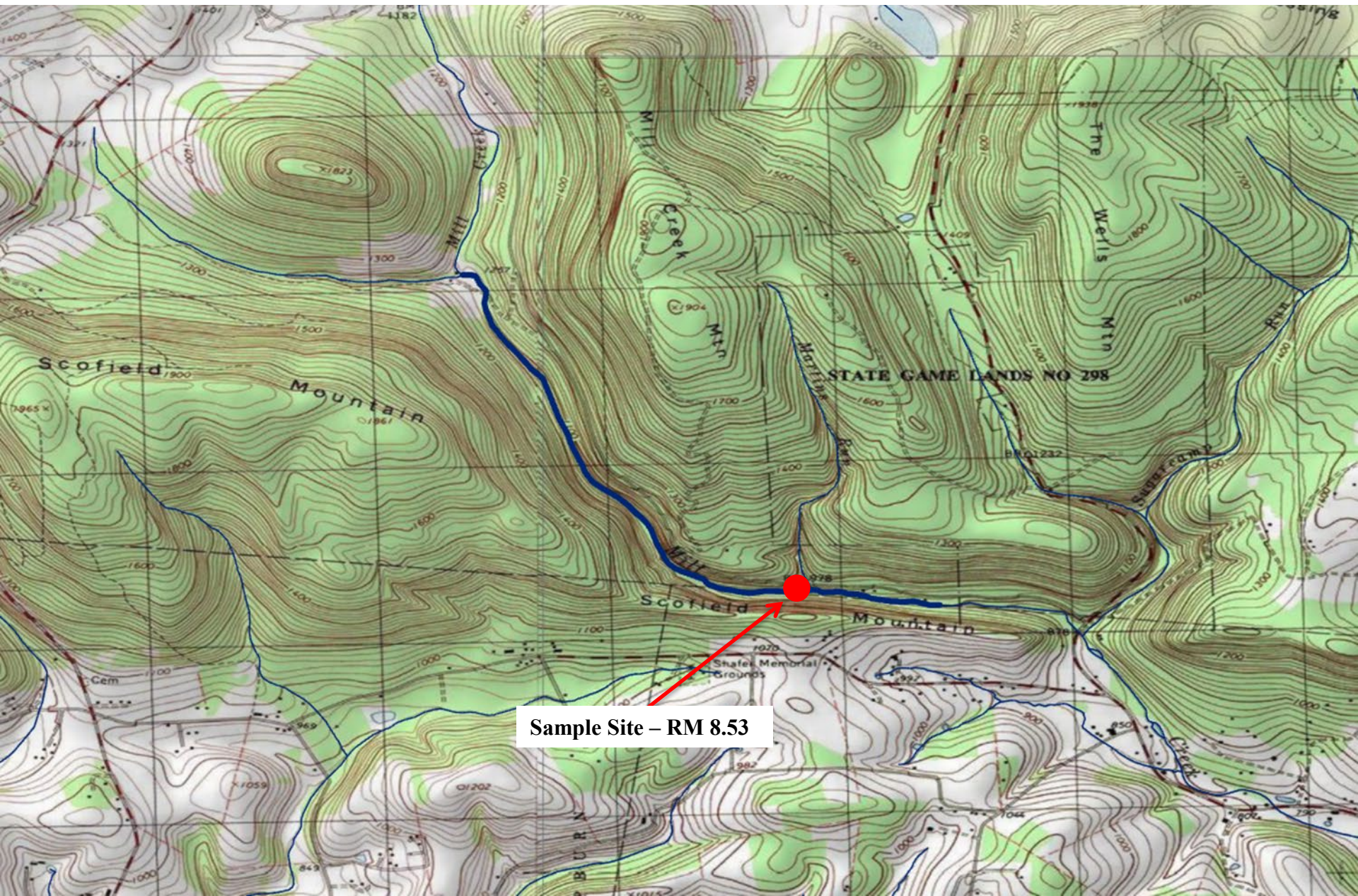
Brook Trout RM – 0.10
Site Length – 510 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	46	0.31	90
2	97	5.51	688
3	3	0.11	6
4	75	9.70	220
5	42	8.67	110
6	14	4.43	33
7	2	0.81	4
8	5	2.94	10
9	1	0.84	2
Total	285	33.32	1,163

Brown Trout RM – 0.10
Site Length – 510 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
4	6	0.55	12
5	11	2.16	25
6	2	0.56	4
7	2	0.85	4
8	2	1.23	4
9	2	1.71	4
10	3	3.47	6
12	1	1.93	2
13	1	2.42	2
Total	30	14.88	63

Mill Creek (Warrensville), Lycoming County



Mill Creek (Warrensville), Lycoming County

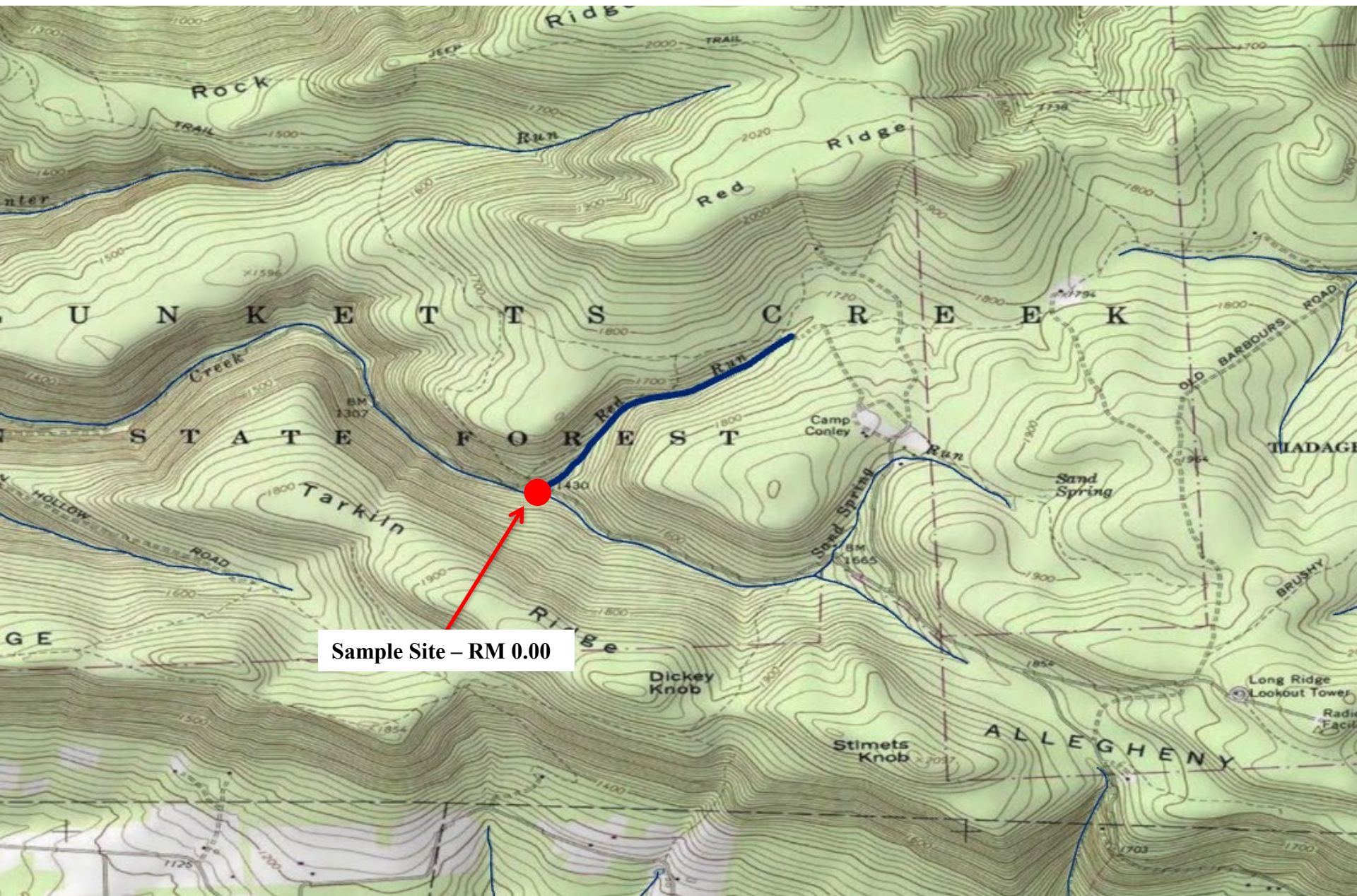
Brook Trout RM – 8.53
Site Length – 400 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
4	1	0.06	3
5	1	0.11	3
7	1	0.30	3
8	1	0.43	3
9	1	0.61	3
Total	5	1.51	15

Brown Trout RM – 8.53
Site Length – 400 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	5	0.02	13
2	14	0.17	35
4	9	0.60	23
5	63	12.03	248
6	19	3.86	48
7	16	6.84	55
8	15	8.54	48
9	6	5.00	20
10	12	10.97	33
11	4	5.48	13
12	2	2.81	5
13	4	7.08	10
15	1	2.67	3
Total	170	66.07	554

Red Run, Lycoming County



Red Run, Lycoming County

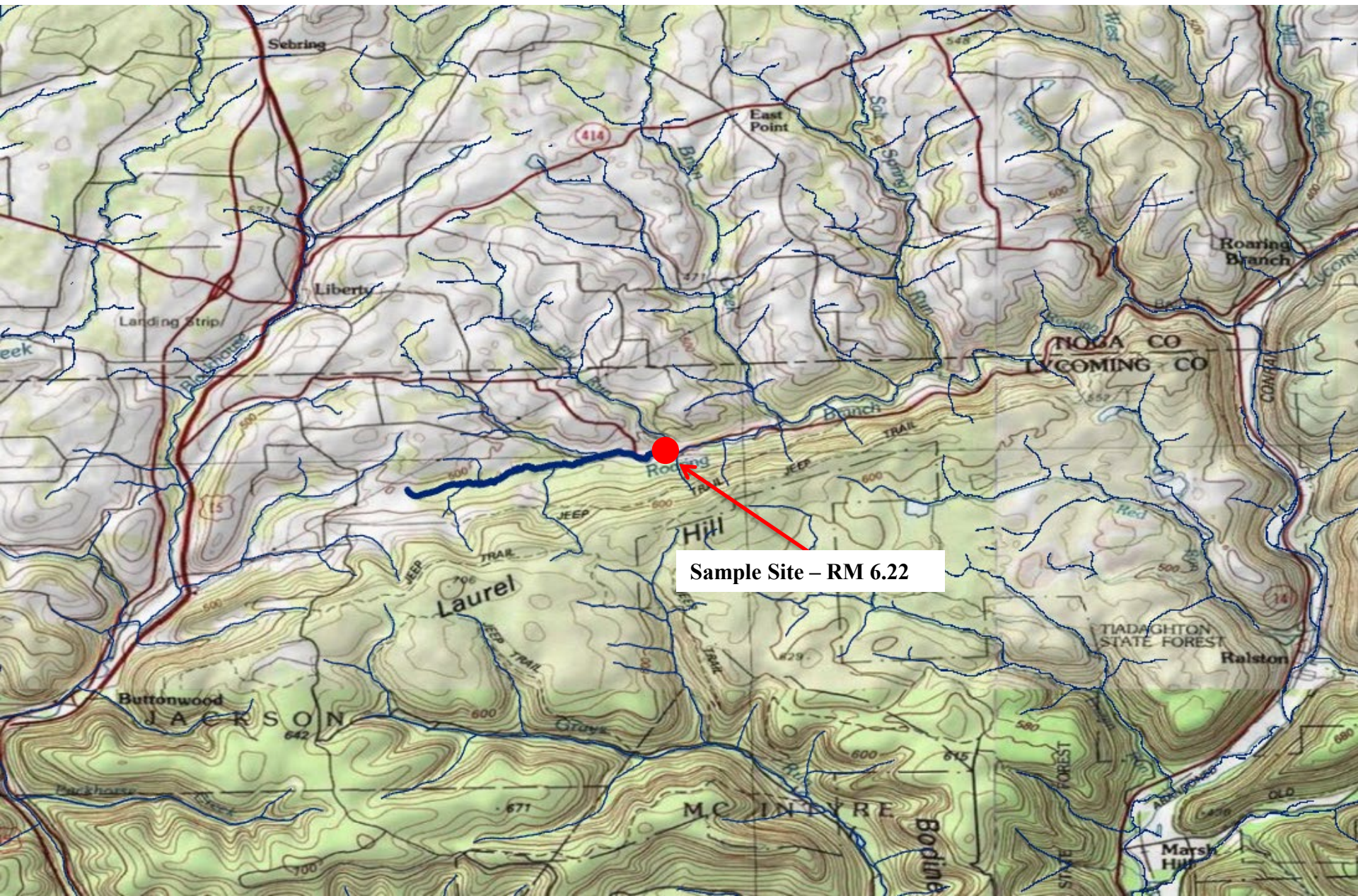
Brook Trout RM – 0.00
Site Length – 145 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	1	0.05	7
2	30	3.66	207
3	2	0.58	14
4	16	10.76	110
5	8	9.62	55
6	5	10.11	34
7	1	3.15	7
Total	63	37.93	434

Brown Trout RM – 0.00
Site Length – 145 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
4	1	0.71	7
6	1	2.16	7
Total	2	2.87	14

Roaring Branch, Lycoming County



Roaring Branch, Lycoming County

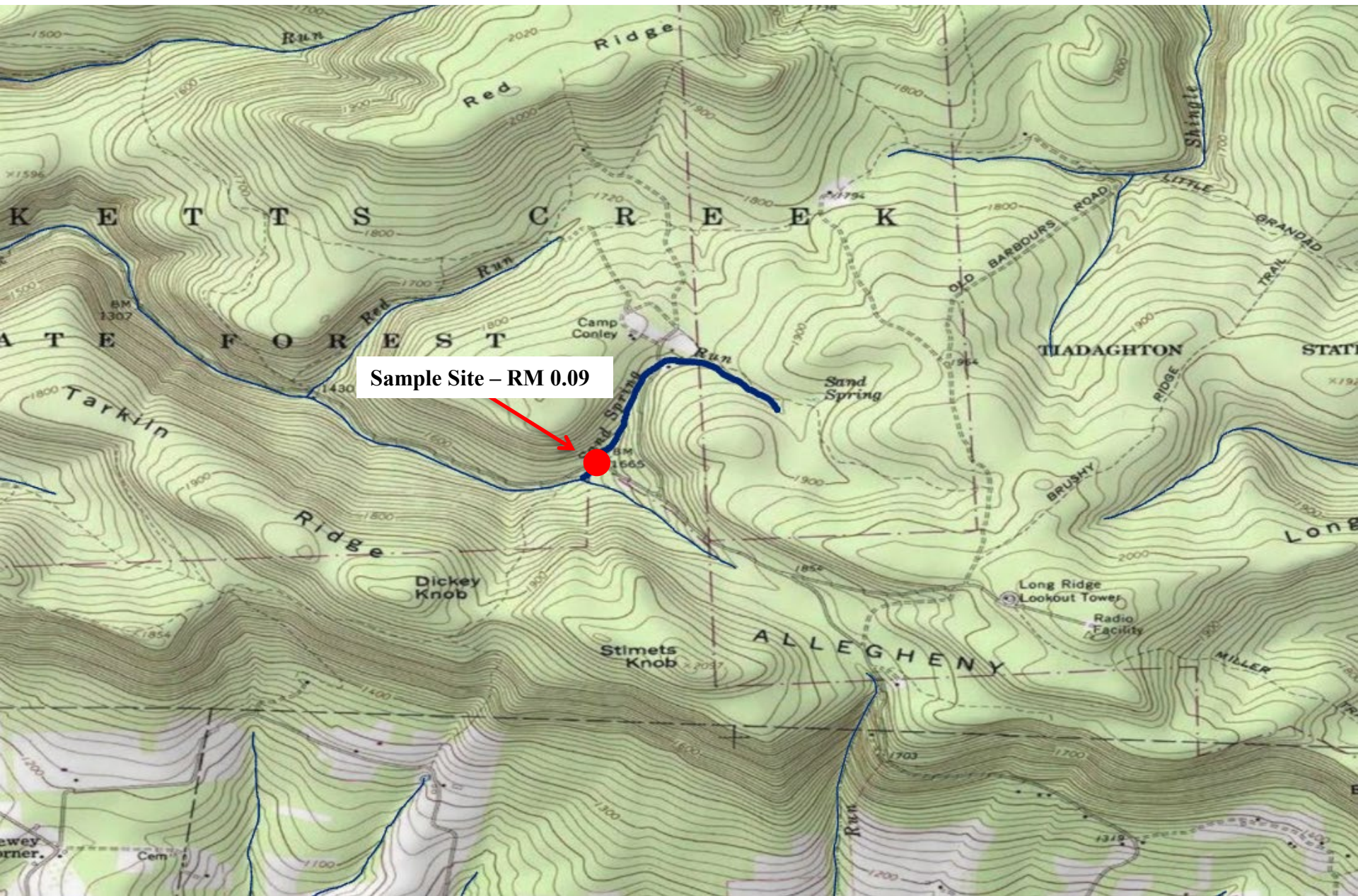
Brook Trout RM – 6.22
Site Length – 400 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	2	0.06	5
5	1	0.27	3
7	1	0.72	3
Total	4	1.05	11

Brown Trout RM – 6.22
Site Length – 400 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	4	0.05	10
2	78	2.24	195
3	1	0.07	3
4	7	1.13	18
5	28	8.28	70
6	9	4.44	23
7	13	9.83	33
8	11	12.03	28
9	11	16.74	28
10	7	14.37	18
11	2	5.34	5
12	2	6.84	5
14	2	10.65	5
Total	175	92.01	441

Sand Spring Run, Lycoming County

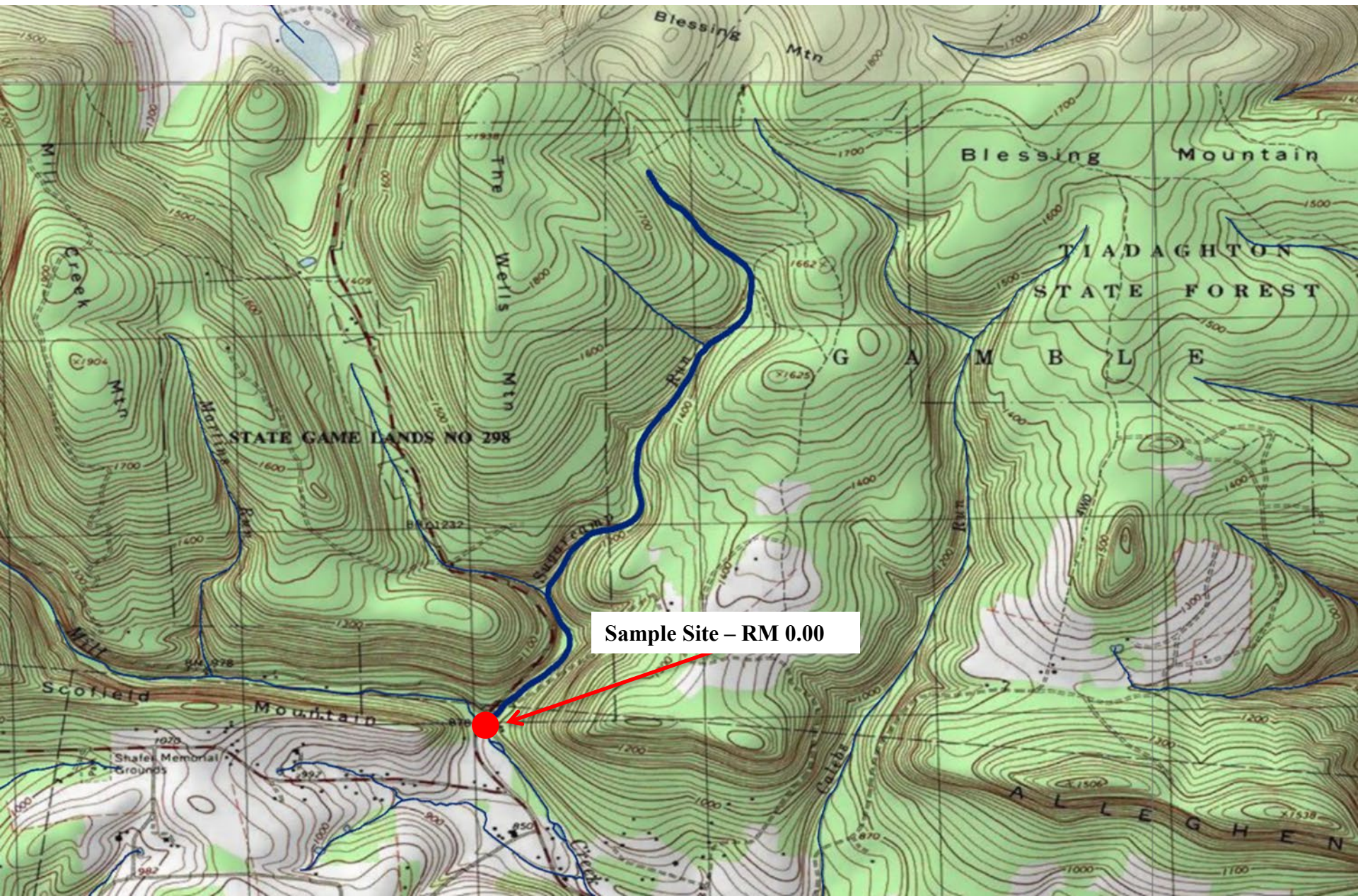


Sand Spring Run, Lycoming County

Brook Trout RM – 0.09
Site Length – 130 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	8	0.64	62
2	10	1.86	77
3	10	4.42	77
4	11	11.29	85
5	11	20.18	85
6	1	3.09	8
Total	51	41.48	394

Sugarcamp Run, Lycoming County



Sugarcamp Run, Lycoming County

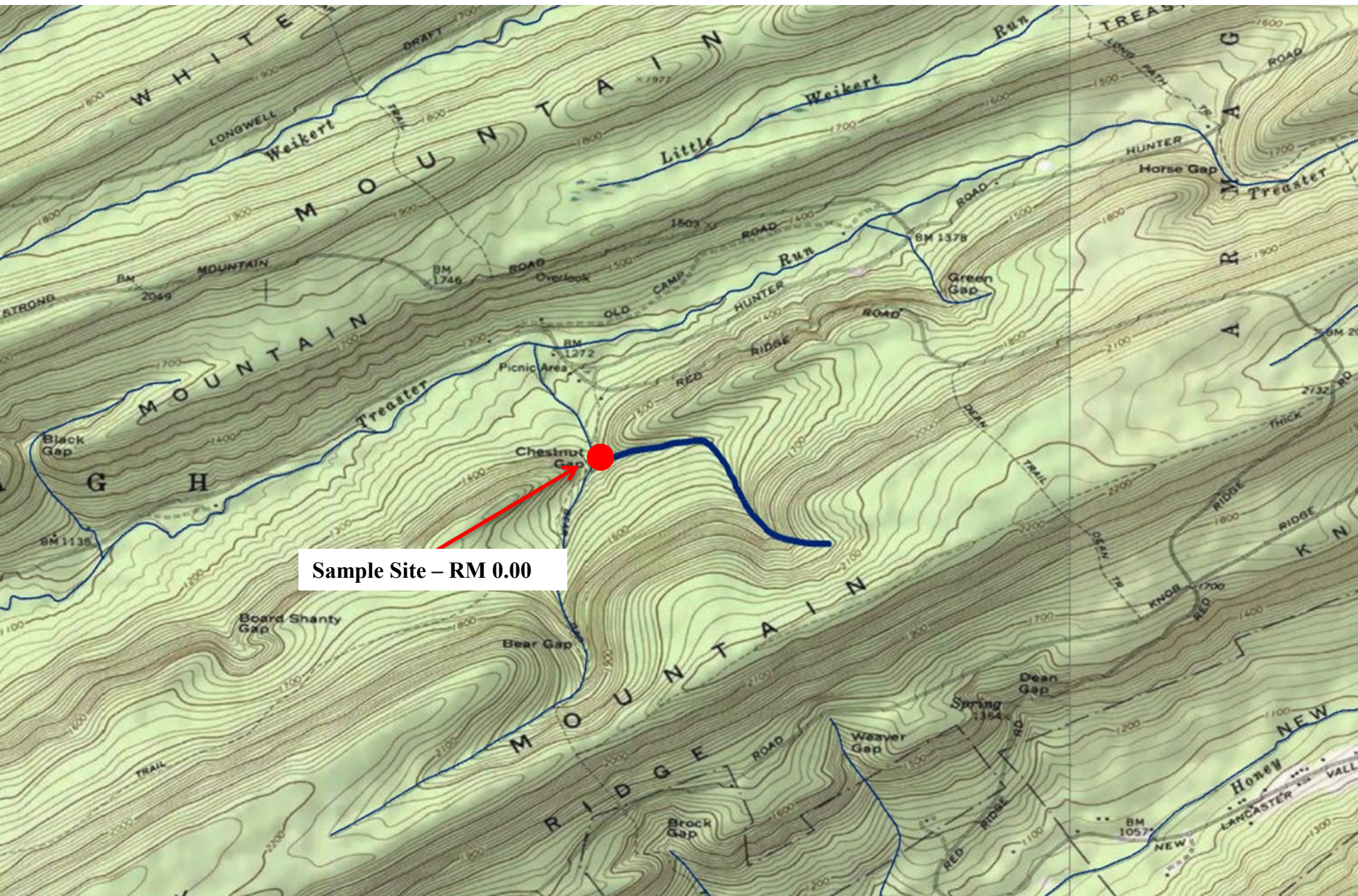
Brook Trout RM – 0.00
Site Length – 360 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	49	0.46	136
2	101	8.17	1,044
3	11	0.57	31
4	37	6.00	139
5	24	10.94	142
6	6	2.16	17
7	7	3.93	19
8	1	0.81	3
Total	236	33.04	1,531

Brown Trout RM – 0.00
Site Length – 360 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	12	0.11	33
3	5	0.33	17
4	24	4.66	103
5	5	1.15	14
6	1	0.39	3
7	1	0.59	3
8	1	0.85	3
9	3	3.56	8
10	1	1.60	3
11	1	2.08	3
13	1	3.36	3
Total	55	18.68	193

Chestnut Gap Run, Mifflin County



Chestnut Gap Run, Mifflin County

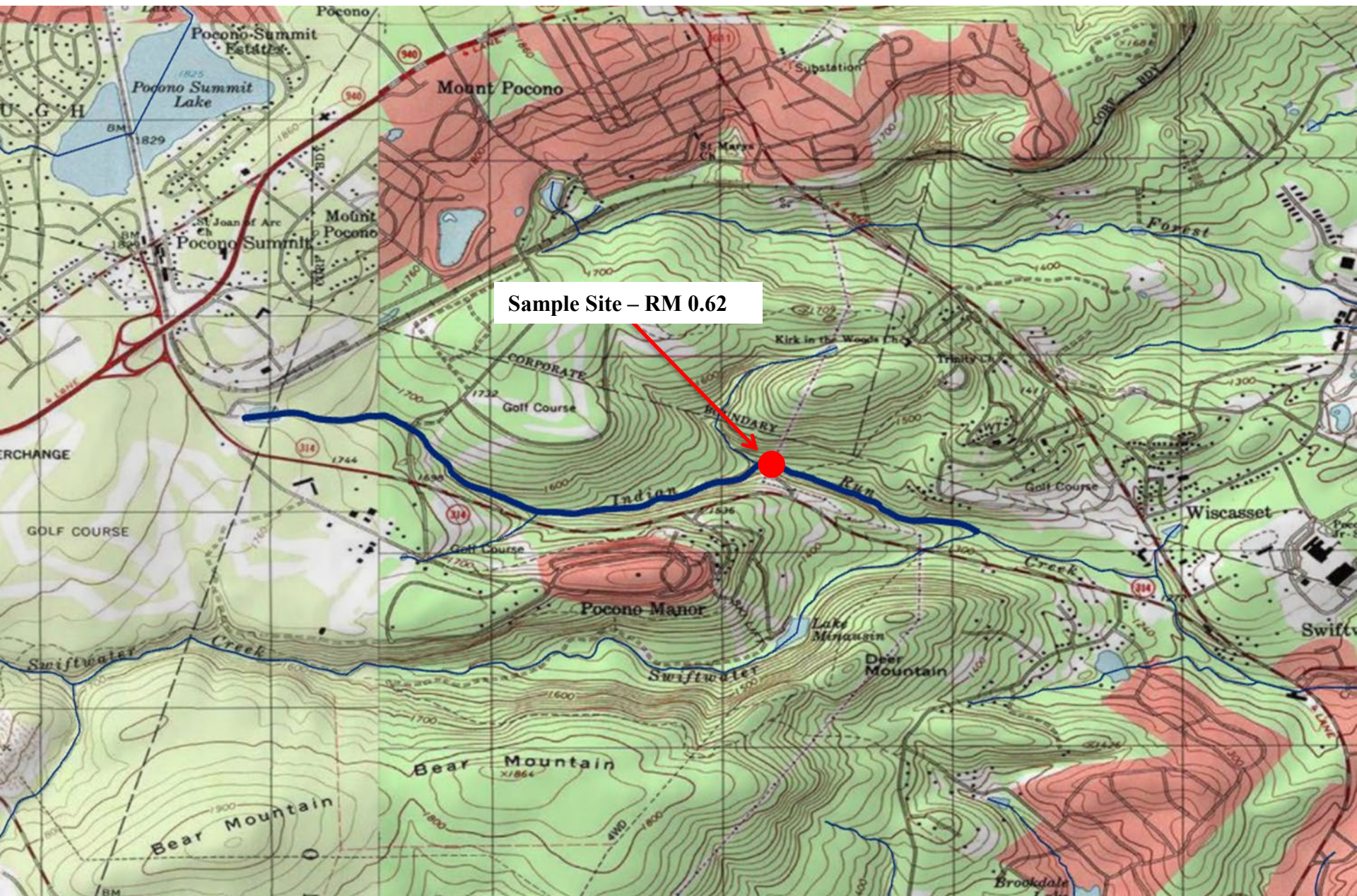
Brook Trout RM – 0.00
Site Length – 135 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	29	3.32	215
3	7	1.91	52
4	22	13.90	163
5	11	12.43	81
6	2	3.80	15
7	1	2.96	7
Total	72	38.32	533

Brown Trout RM – 0.00
Site Length – 135 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
7	1	3.11	7
Total	1	3.11	7

Indian Run, Monroe County



Indian Run, Monroe County

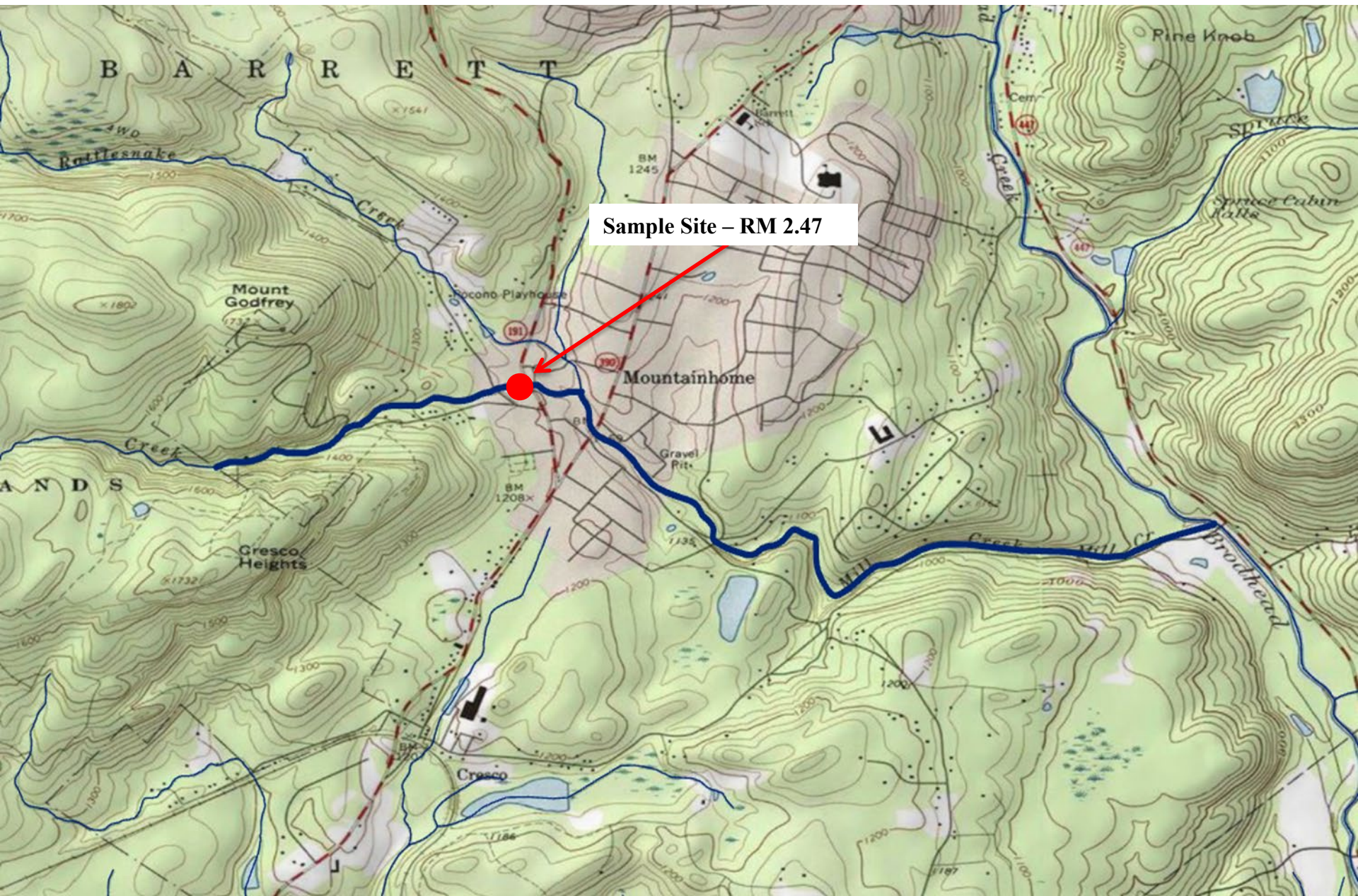
Brook Trout RM – 0.62
Site Length – 365 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	1	0.02	3
3	11	0.63	30
4	10	1.33	27
5	2	0.47	5
6	2	0.80	5
7	1	0.62	3
9	1	1.28	3
Total	28	5.15	76

Brown Trout RM – 0.62
Site Length – 365 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	14	0.35	38
3	38	2.34	104
4	1	0.14	3
5	10	2.55	27
6	23	9.80	63
7	26	16.97	71
8	9	8.49	25
9	12	15.76	33
11	1	2.30	3
Total	134	58.70	367

Mill Creek, Monroe County



Mill Creek, Monroe County

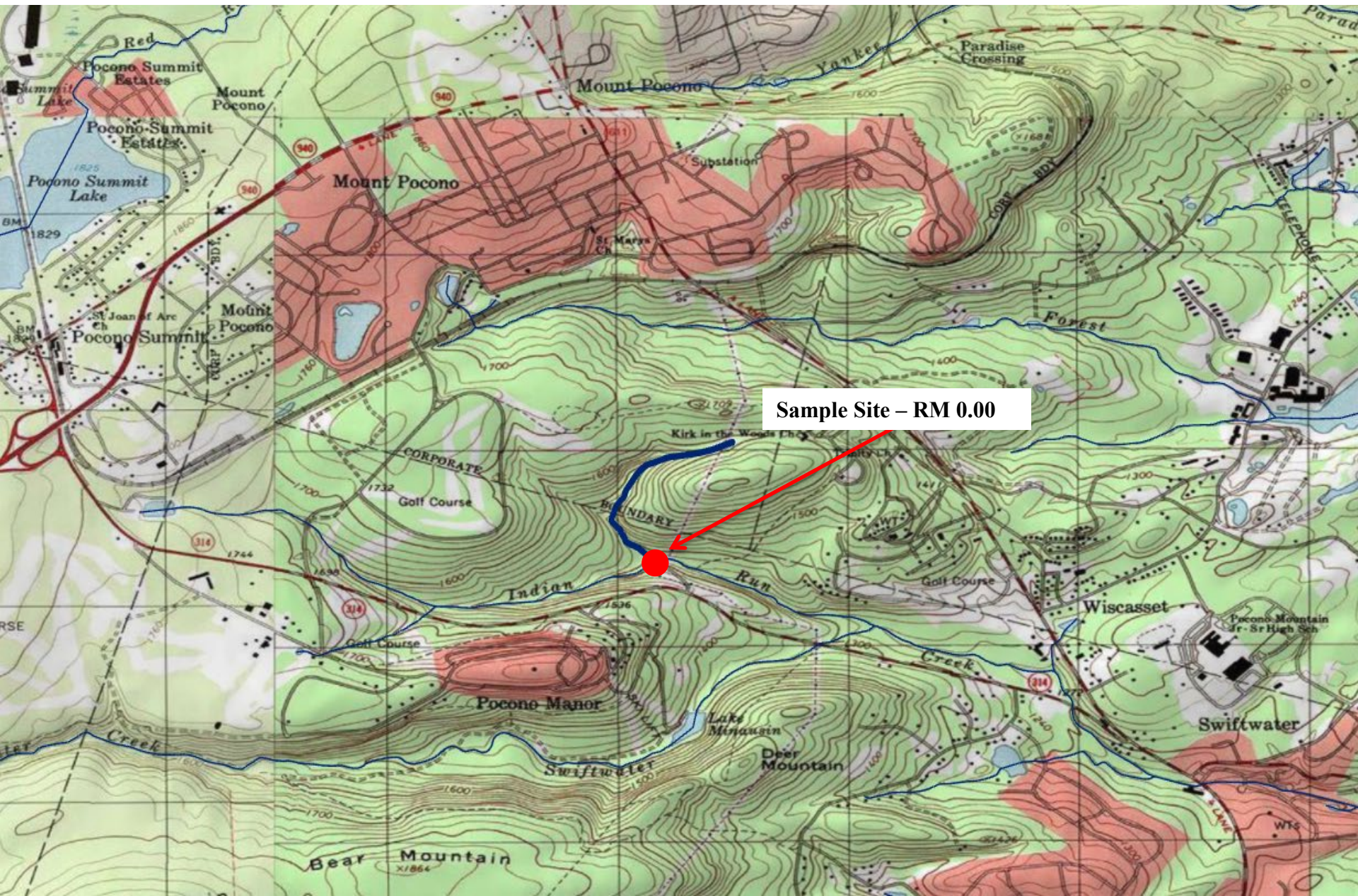
Brook Trout RM – 2.47
Site Length – 550 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	48	0.86	87
3	74	3.15	135
4	1	0.10	2
5	8	1.41	15
6	4	1.19	7
7	2	0.93	4
8	1	0.67	2
Total	138	8.31	252

Brown Trout RM – 2.47
Site Length – 550 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	76	1.40	138
3	22	1.01	40
4	19	1.97	35
5	97	18.44	176
6	50	15.87	91
7	31	15.08	56
8	31	21.79	56
9	11	10.76	20
10	3	3.96	5
11	3	5.15	5
12	1	2.20	2
13	1	2.77	2
16	1	5.04	2
Total	346	105.44	628

UNT to Indian Run (RM 0.64), Monroe County



UNT to Indian Run (RM 0.64), Monroe County

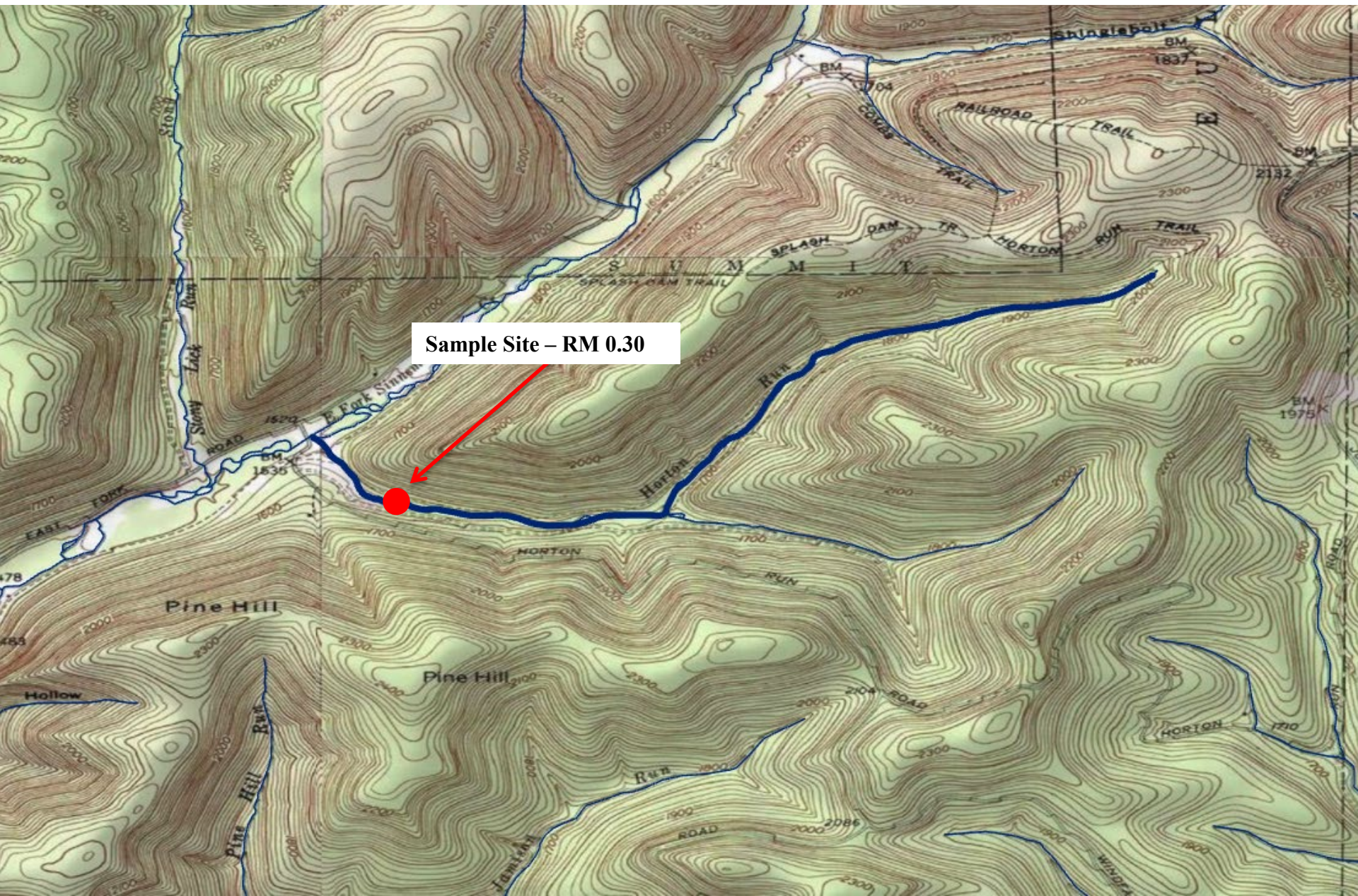
Brook Trout RM – 0.00
Site Length – 105 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	11	1.92	105
3	9	3.73	86
4	1	0.96	10
5	2	3.44	19
6	2	5.78	19
Total	25	15.83	239

Brown Trout RM – 0.00
Site Length – 105 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	6	1.08	57
4	4	4.04	38
5	3	5.55	29
6	6	18.52	57
7	3	14.19	29
Total	22	43.38	210

Horton Run, Potter County

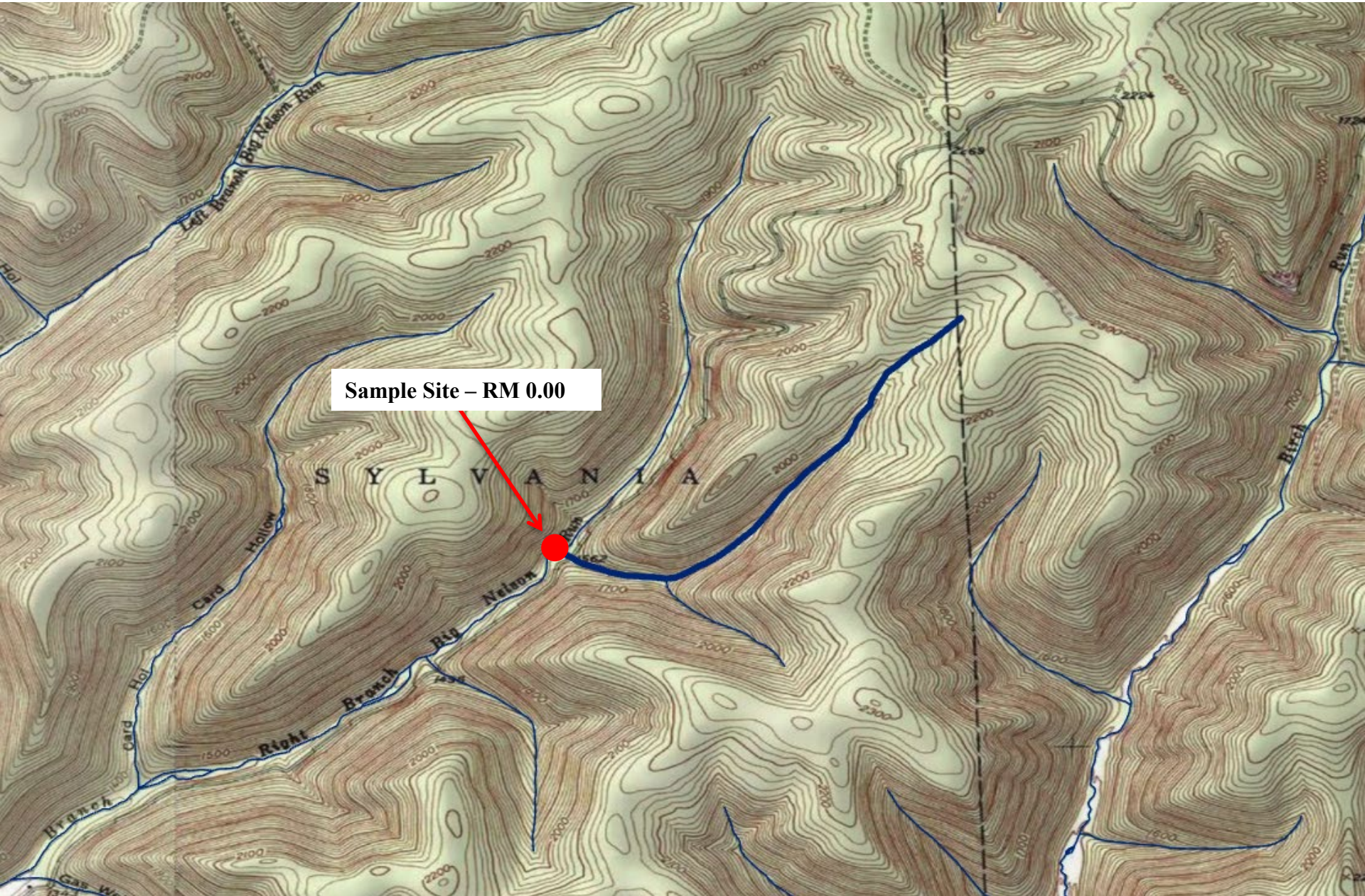


Horton Run, Potter County

Brook Trout RM – 0.30
Site Length – 430 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	13	0.25	30
2	347	15.60	807
3	36	3.85	84
4	18	4.47	42
5	34	15.09	79
6	18	13.44	42
7	20	23.23	47
8	7	11.78	16
9	2	4.79	5
Total	495	92.50	1,152

UNT to Right Branch Big Nelson Run (RM 2.39), Potter County

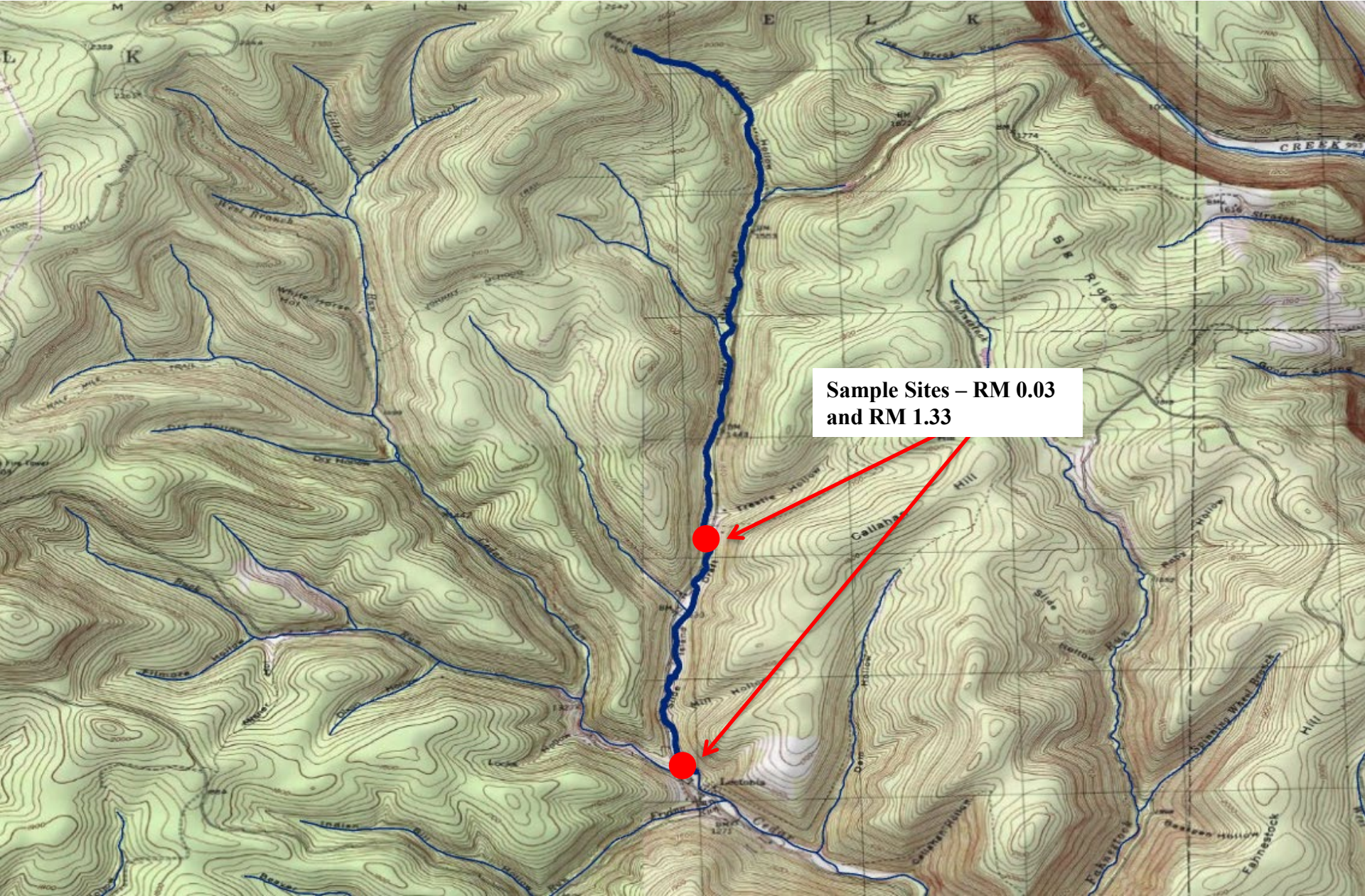


UNT to Right Branch Big Nelson Run (RM 2.39), Potter County

Brook Trout RM – 0.00
Site Length – 225 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	35	5.06	156
3	32	11.01	142
4	2	1.60	9
5	6	8.56	27
6	2	4.80	9
Total	77	31.03	343

Slide Island Draft, Tioga County



Slide Island Draft, Tioga County

Brook Trout RM – 0.03
Site Length – 380 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	35	1.15	92
5	7	2.26	18
6	7	3.80	18
8	1	1.22	3
Total	50	8.43	131

Brown Trout RM – 0.03
Site Length – 380 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	18	0.25	47
2	27	0.91	71
3	1	0.08	3
4	27	5.12	71
5	45	15.62	118
6	7	4.06	18
7	7	6.22	18
8	4	5.14	11
9	3	5.36	8
10	2	4.82	5
11	2	6.27	5
12	1	4.02	3
16	1	9.21	3
Total	145	67.08	381

Slide Island Draft, Tioga County

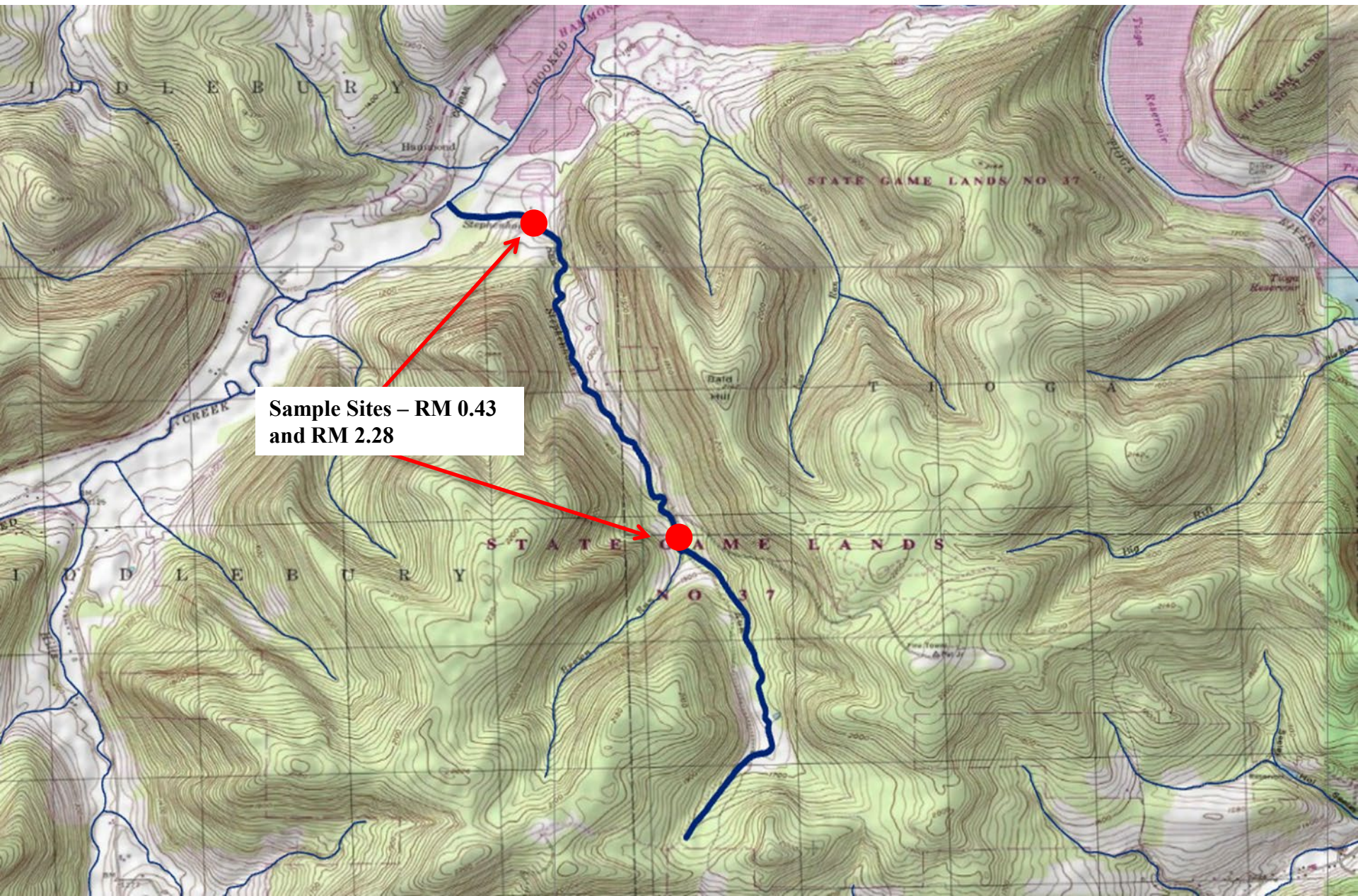
Brook Trout RM – 1.33
Site Length – 360 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	48	1.66	133
3	1	0.08	3
4	12	2.29	33
5	22	7.50	61
6	17	9.75	47
7	6	5.35	17
8	1	1.29	3
9	1	1.84	3
Total	108	29.76	300

Brown Trout RM – 1.33
Site Length – 360 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
4	13	2.60	36
5	10	3.67	28
6	15	9.18	42
7	5	4.69	14
8	3	4.07	8
9	1	1.89	3
10	1	2.55	3
Total	48	28.65	134

Stephenhouse Run, Tioga County



Stephenhouse Run, Tioga County

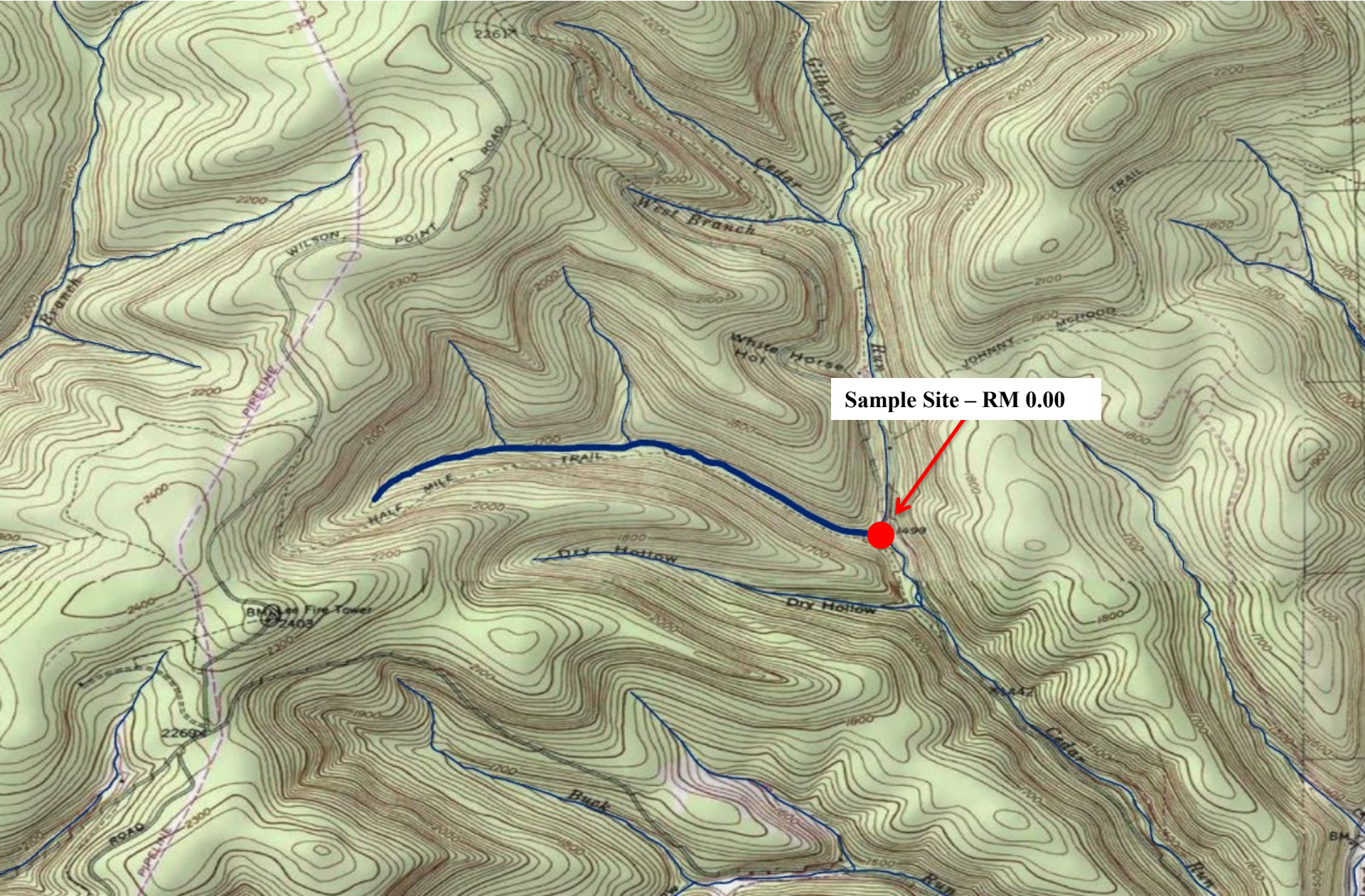
Brook Trout RM – 0.43
Site Length – 330 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	1	0.01	3
2	44	1.73	258
4	12	1.68	45
5	16	3.61	55
6	6	2.36	21
7	5	3.15	18
8	3	2.28	9
Total	87	14.82	409

Brook Trout RM – 2.28
Site Length – 330 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	4	0.06	12
2	137	10.68	855
3	1	0.09	3
4	26	6.69	97
5	32	13.45	109
6	25	17.60	85
7	9	11.74	36
8	2	2.83	6
Total	236	63.14	1,203

UNT to Cedar Run (RM 9.34), Tioga County



UNT to Cedar Run (RM 9.34), Tioga County

Brook Trout RM – 0.00
Site Length – 235 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	59	5.17	251
3	3	0.63	13
4	10	4.84	43
5	11	9.52	47
6	8	11.65	34
7	1	2.27	4
8	1	3.28	4
Total	93	37.36	396

Brown Trout RM – 0.00
Site Length – 235 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
1	2	0.07	9
2	4	0.36	17
3	1	0.23	4
6	4	6.22	17
8	1	3.44	4
Total	12	10.32	51

UNT to Slide Island Draft (RM 0.92), Tioga County



UNT to Slide Island Draft (RM 0.92), Tioga County

Brook Trout RM – 0.00
Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
2	140	15.81	467
3	14	3.76	47
4	12	7.48	40
5	19	21.17	63
6	6	11.25	20
7	4	11.67	13
8	1	4.23	3
Total	196	75.37	653

Brown Trout RM – 0.00
Site Length – 300 meters

Length Group (inches)	Catch	Estimated Kg/Ha	Estimated Number/Km
3	2	0.58	7
4	5	3.27	17
5	2	2.40	7
6	4	8.01	13
8	1	4.43	3
Total	14	18.69	47

NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Proposed Changes to List of Class A Wild Trout Streams; April 2026

[56 Pa.B. 975]

[Saturday, February 14, 2026]

The Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) is considering changes to its list of Class A wild trout streams. Under 58 Pa. Code § 57.8a (relating to Class A wild trout streams), it is the Commission's policy to manage self-sustaining Class A wild trout populations as a renewable natural resource to conserve that resource and the angling it provides. Class A wild trout populations represent the best of this Commonwealth's naturally reproducing trout fisheries. With rare exceptions, the Commission manages these stream sections solely for the perpetuation of the wild trout fishery with no stocking.

(1) Criteria developed for Class A Wild Trout fisheries are species specific.

(2) Wild Trout Biomass Class Criteria include provisions for:

(i) *Wild brook trout fisheries.*

(A) Total brook trout biomass of at least 30 kg/ha (26.7 lbs/acre).

(B) Total biomass of brook trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(C) Brook trout biomass must comprise at least 75% of the total trout biomass.

(ii) *Wild brown trout fisheries.*

(A) Total brown trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).

(B) Total biomass of brown trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(C) Brown trout biomass must comprise at least 75% of the total trout biomass.

(iii) *Mixed wild brook and brown trout fisheries.*

(A) Combined brook and brown trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).

(B) Total biomass of brook trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(C) Total biomass of brown trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(D) Brook trout biomass must comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

(E) Brown trout biomass must comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

(iv) *Wild rainbow trout fisheries.* Total biomass of rainbow trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 2.0 kg/ha (1.78 lbs/acre).

(v) *Mixed wild brook and rainbow trout fisheries.*

(A) Combined brook and rainbow trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).

(B) Total biomass of brook trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(C) Total biomass of rainbow trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(D) Brook trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

(E) Rainbow trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

(vi) *Mixed wild brown and rainbow trout fisheries.*

(A) Combined brown and rainbow trout biomass of at least 40 kg/ha (35.6 lbs/acre).

(B) Total biomass of brown trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(C) Total biomass of rainbow trout less than 15 cm (5.9 inches) in total length of at least 0.1 kg/ha (0.089 lbs/acre).

(D) Brown trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

(E) Rainbow trout biomass shall comprise less than 75% of the total trout biomass.

During recent surveys, Commission staff documented the following stream sections to have Class A wild trout populations. The Commission intends to consider adding these waters to its list of Class A wild trout streams at its meeting on April 27, 2026.

County	Stream	Section	Limits	Tributary to	Brook Trout Brown Trout Rainbow Trout				Length (miles)	Survey year
					Mouth Lat/Lon	Trout (kg/ha)	Trout (kg/ha)	Trout (kg/ha)		
Blair	Dry Gap Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Mill Run Reservoir	40.526669 78.451820	32.91	—	—	1.71	2025
Cameron	Wykoff Run	1	Headwaters to Big Spring Draft	Sinnemahoning Creek	41.313611 78.075833	39.01	0.92	—	2.90	2025
Cameron/ Clinton	Short Bend Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	George B. Stevenson Reservoir	41.410000 78.018059	39.69	—	—	2.14	2025
Centre	Britton Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Potter Run	40.784444 77.623611	37.95	5.11	—	1.24	2025
Centre	Unnamed tributary (UNT) to Standing Stone Creek (RM 34.29)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Standing Stone Creek	40.726931 77.701939	38.82	4.13	—	0.78	2025
Centre	Whetstone Gap Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Pine Creek	40.940342 77.302752	26.31	26.65	—	2.36	2025
Clearfield	Hockenberry Run	2	Irvona Reservoir to Mouth	North Witmer Run	40.781944 78.565833	37.50	0.24	—	3.40	2025
Clinton	Monument Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Beech Creek	41.113258 77.704567	37.59	4.60	—	5.24	2025

Clinton	Spring Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Right Branch Hyner Run	41.392223 77.576111	39.95	—	—	1.70	2025
Clinton	UNT to Monument Run (RM 0.86)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Monument Run	41.120460 77.710890	32.74	—	—	1.55	2025
Clinton	UNT to Monument Run (RM 1.24)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Monument Run	41.125320 77.710590	74.11	—	—	0.91	2025
Elk	UNT to Mead Run (RM 2.52)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Mead Run	41.286532 78.730259	40.28	—	—	0.70	2025
Lycoming	Calebs Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Mill Creek (Warrensville)	41.334722 76.956944	33.32	14.88	—	3.14	2025
Lycoming	Mill Creek (Warrensville)	2	First downstream of Rose Valley Lake to 700 meters upstream of T-846 bridge	Loyalsock Creek	41.261111 76.934167	1.51	66.07	—	2.26	2025
Lycoming	Red Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Bear Creek	41.349167 76.811111	37.93	2.87	—	0.81	2025
Lycoming	Roaring Branch	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Lycoming Little Elk Creek	41.554722 76.962778	1.05	92.01	—	2.44	2025
Lycoming	Sand Spring Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Bear Creek	41.345001 76.798332	41.48	—	—	0.77	2025
Lycoming	Sugarcamp Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Mill Creek (Warrensville)	41.345556 76.971944	33.04	18.68	—	2.20	2025
Mifflin	Chestnut Gap Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Bear Gap Run	40.783899 77.399362	38.32	3.11	—	0.82	2025
Monroe	Indian Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Swiftwater Creek	41.101697 75.343971	5.15	58.70	—	2.18	2025
Monroe	Mill Creek	2	State Game Lands 221 boundary to Mouth	Brodhead Creek	41.163970 75.240421	8.31	105.44	—	3.40	2025
Monroe	UNT to Indian Run (RM 0.64)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Indian Run	41.104790 75.355270	15.83	43.38	—	0.62	2025
Potter	Horton Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	East Fork Sinnemahoning Creek	41.616558 77.875053	92.50	—	—	2.50	2025
Potter	UNT to Right Branch Big Nelson Run (RM 2.39)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Right Branch Big Nelson Run	41.592500 77.982020	31.03	—	—	1.39	2025
Tioga	Slide Island Draft	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Cedar Run	41.600769 77.496346	19.09	47.82	—	4.20	2025
Tioga	Stephenhouse Run	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Crooked Creek	41.879444 77.195556	38.99	—	—	3.72	2025

Tioga	UNT to Cedar Run (RM 9.34)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Cedar Run	41.627179 37.36 77.519669	10.32	—	1.40	2025
Tioga	UNT to Slide Island Draft (RM 0.92)	1	Headwaters to Mouth	Slide Island Draft	41.612558 75.37 77.496381	18.69	—	1.81	2025

Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the classification of the streams listed may submit them in writing to the Executive Director, Fish and Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, within 30 days after publication of this notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. To submit a comment electronically, visit pa.gov/fishandboat/regcomments and click on the notice of proposed Class A designations for § 57.8a (relating to Class A wild trout streams).

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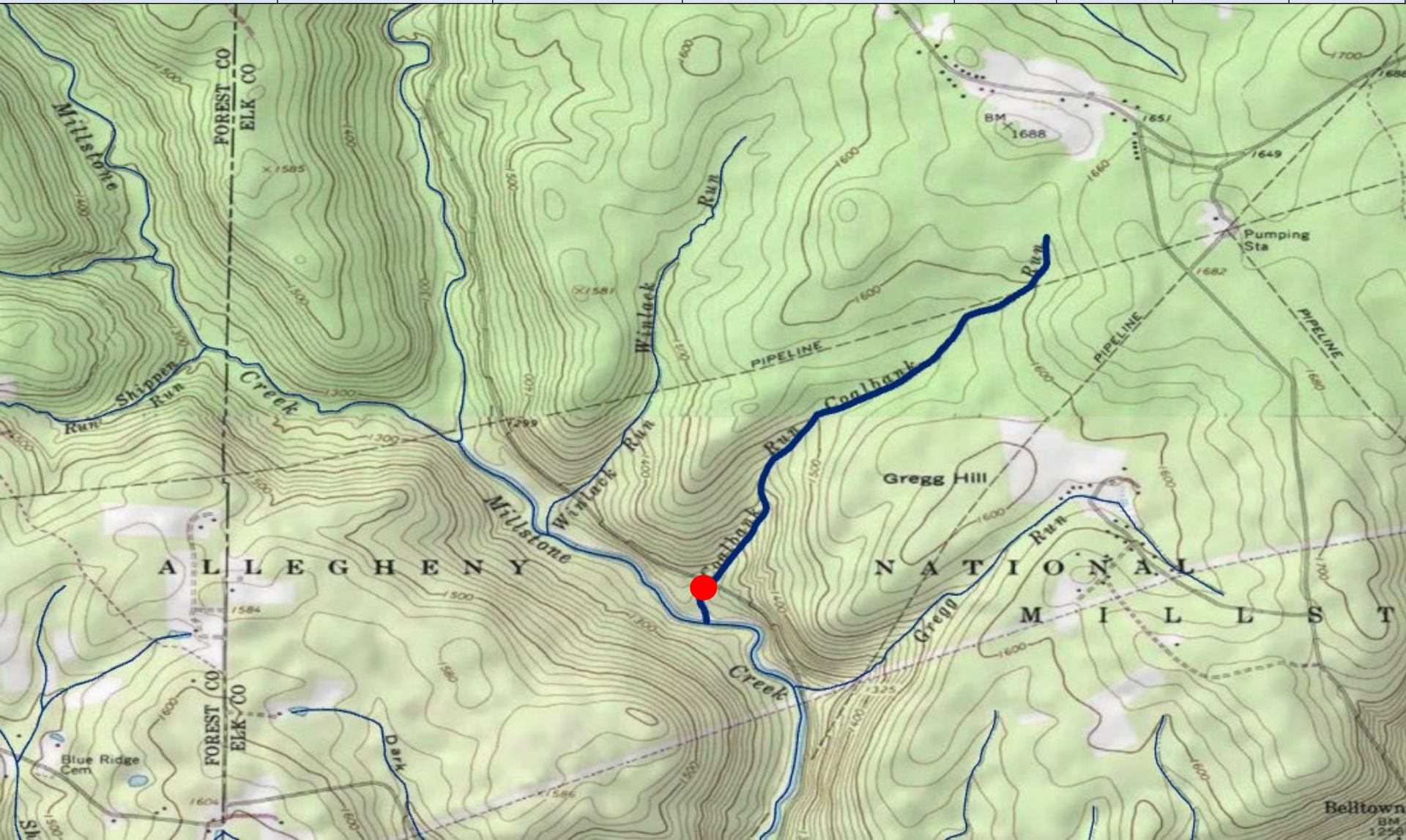
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Centre	UNT to Standing Stone Creek (RM 34.29)	Standing Stone Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.06	Brook Brown	97 1	1-6 8



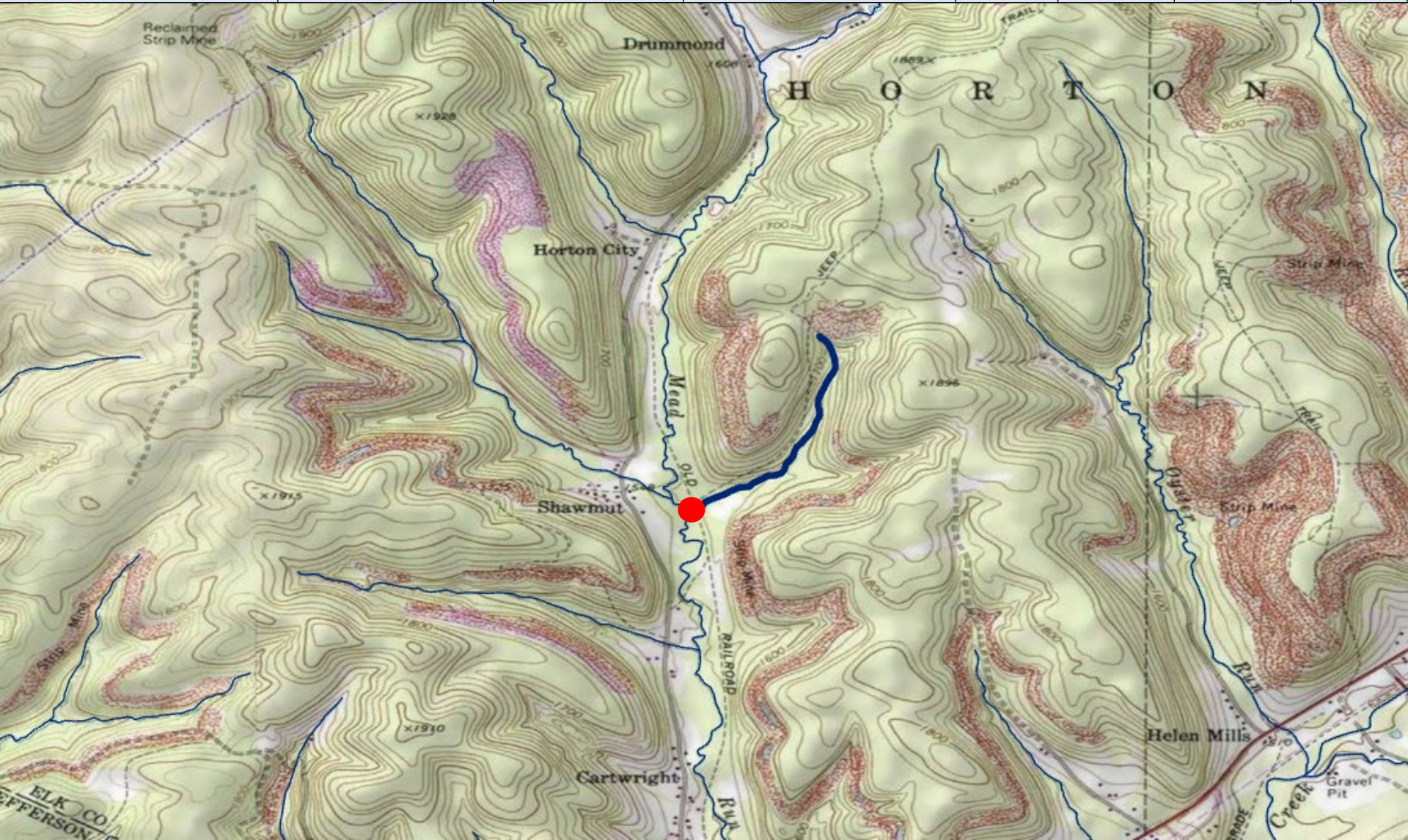
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Centre	UNT to Wolf Run (RM 0.88)	Wolf Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.02	Brook	17	1-6



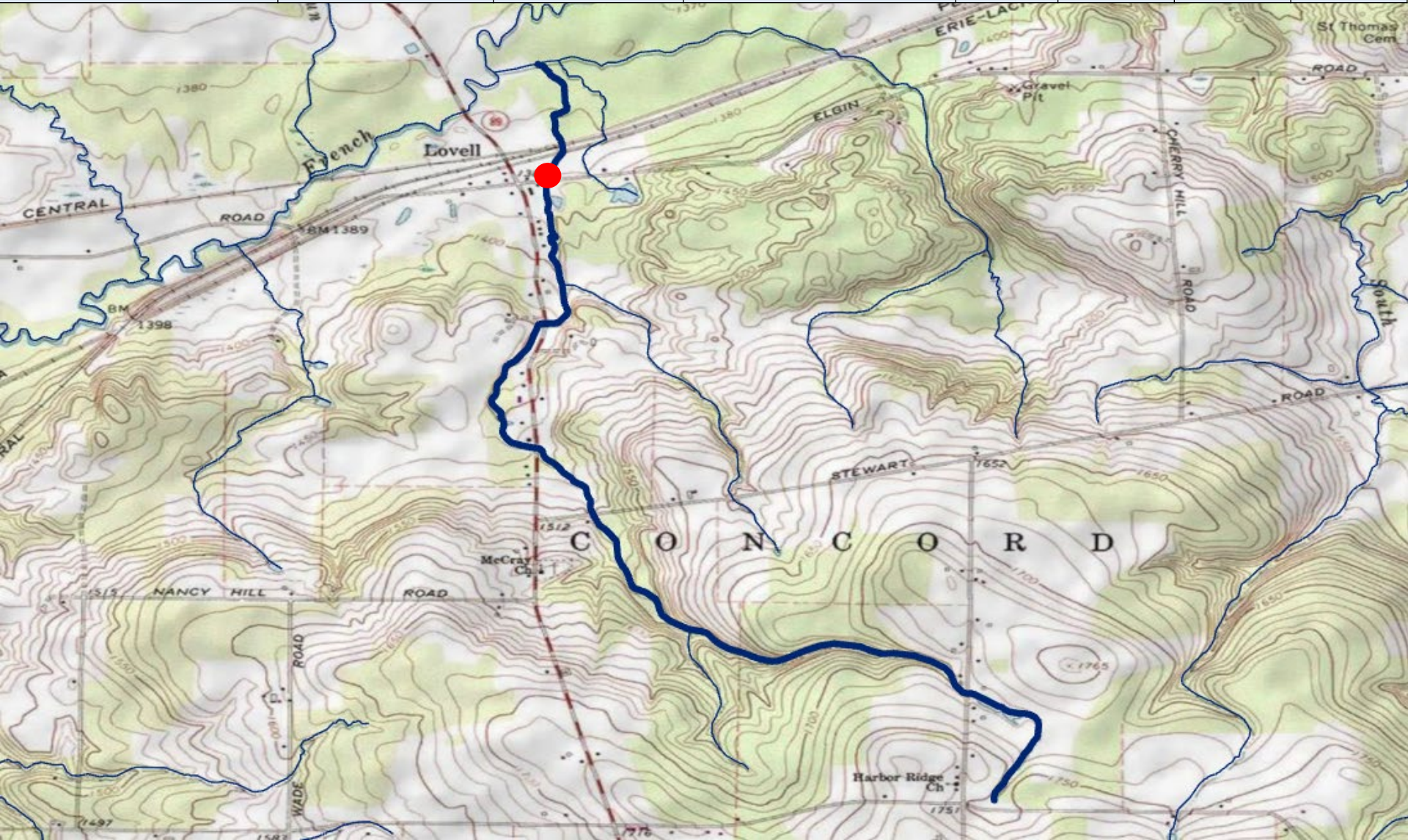
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Elk	Coalbank Run	Millstone Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.10	Brook Brown	6 1	2-6 5



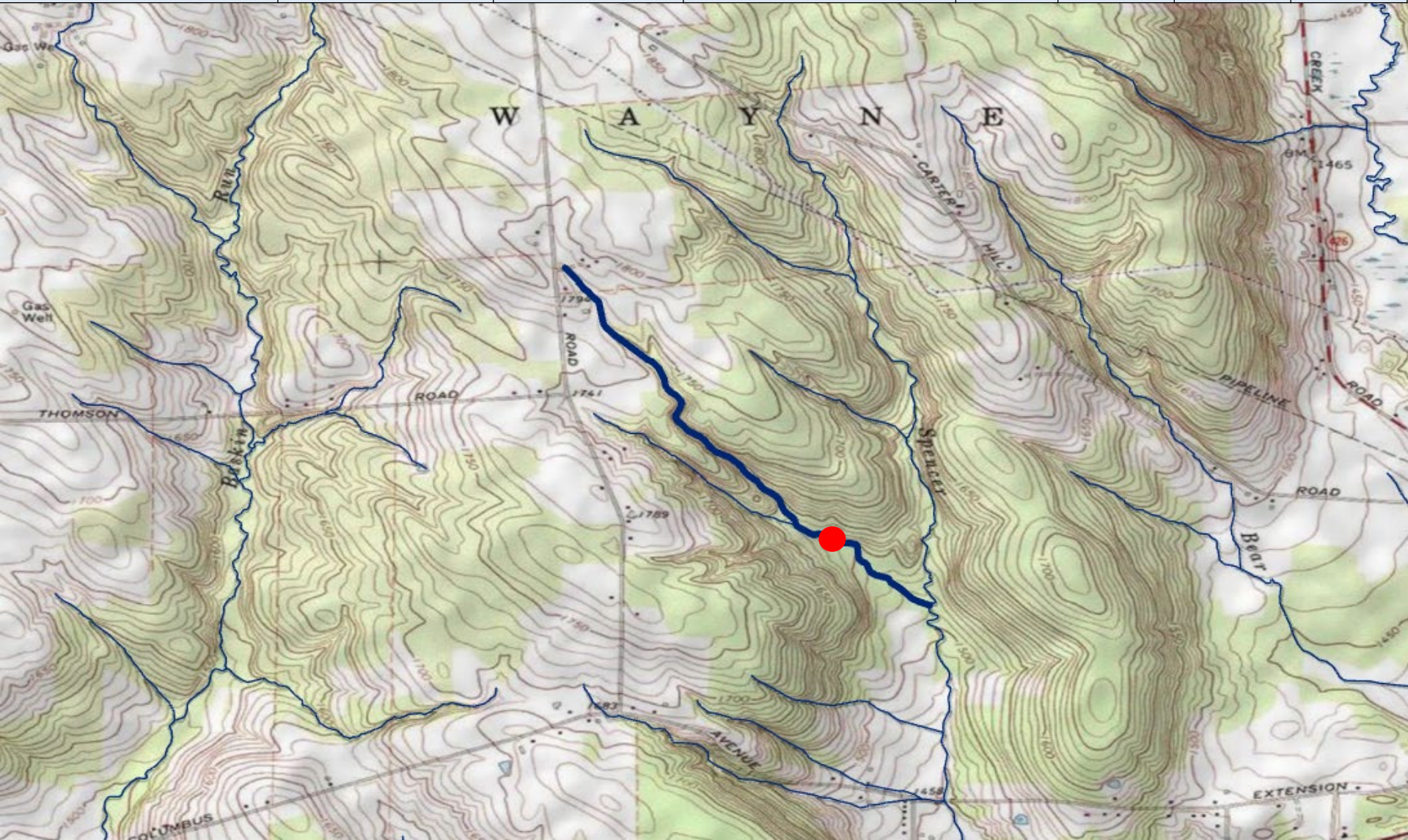
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Elk	UNT to Mead Run (RM 2.52)	Mead Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brook	29	2-8



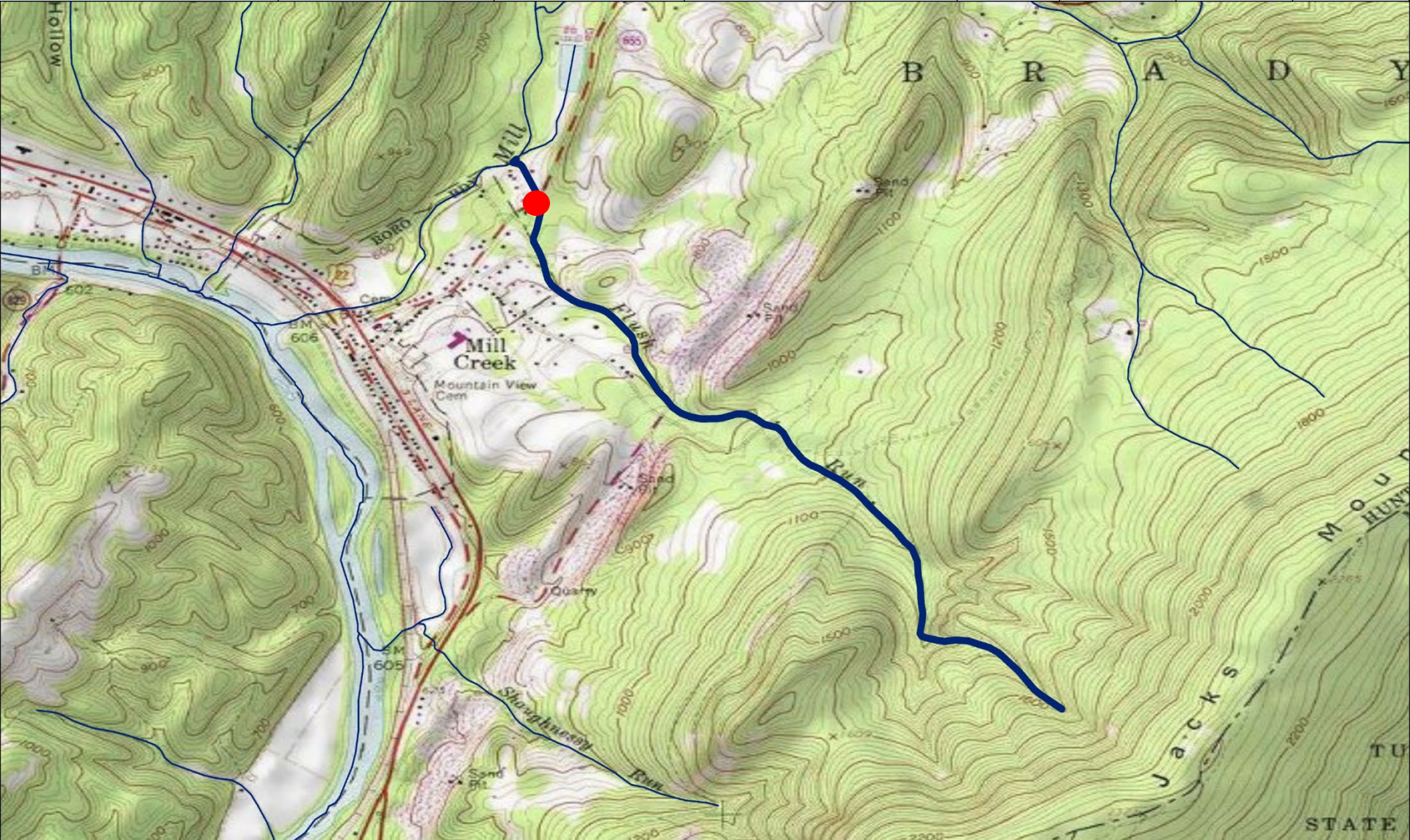
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Erie	UNT (RM 0.10) to UNT to South Branch French Creek (RM 17.24)	UNT to South Branch French Creek (RM 17.24)	Headwaters to mouth	0.39	Brook	8	3-7



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Erie	UNT to Spencer Creek (RM 1.94)	Spencer Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.27	Brook	3	3-5



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile 	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Huntingdon	Flush Run	Mill Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.15	Brown	4	6-9



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Huntingdon	Gensimore Run	Little Juniata River	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brown	3	1-2



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Huntingdon	Saddler Creek	Mill Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.44	Brown	13	2-14



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Indiana	UNT to Dixon Run (RM 4.11)	Dixon Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.04	Brown	6	3-11



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Lancaster	UNT to Mill Creek (RM 25.07)	Mill Creek	Headwaters to New Holland Reservoir	2.85	Brook	49	2-7



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Lycoming	Frozen Run	Lycoming Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brook Brown	1 7	3 2-6



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Lycoming	Miners Run	Rock Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.06	Brook Brown	1 3	5 6-8



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile 	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Lycoming	Red Run	Lycoming Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brown	8	3-7



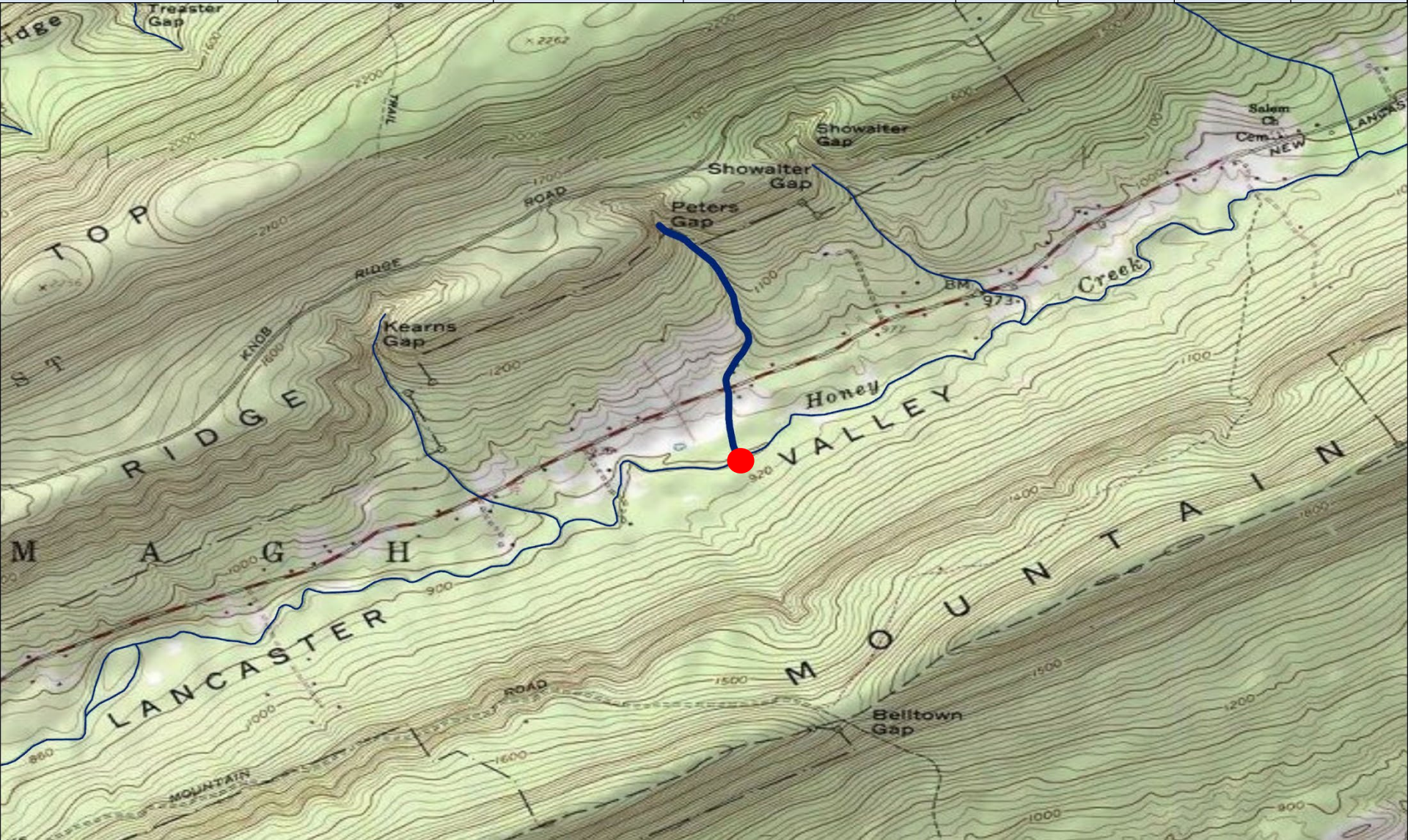
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Mifflin	Black Gap Run	Treaster Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.02	Brook Brown	3 1	5 7



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Mifflin	Chestnut Gap Run	Bear Gap Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brook Brown	72 1	2-7 7



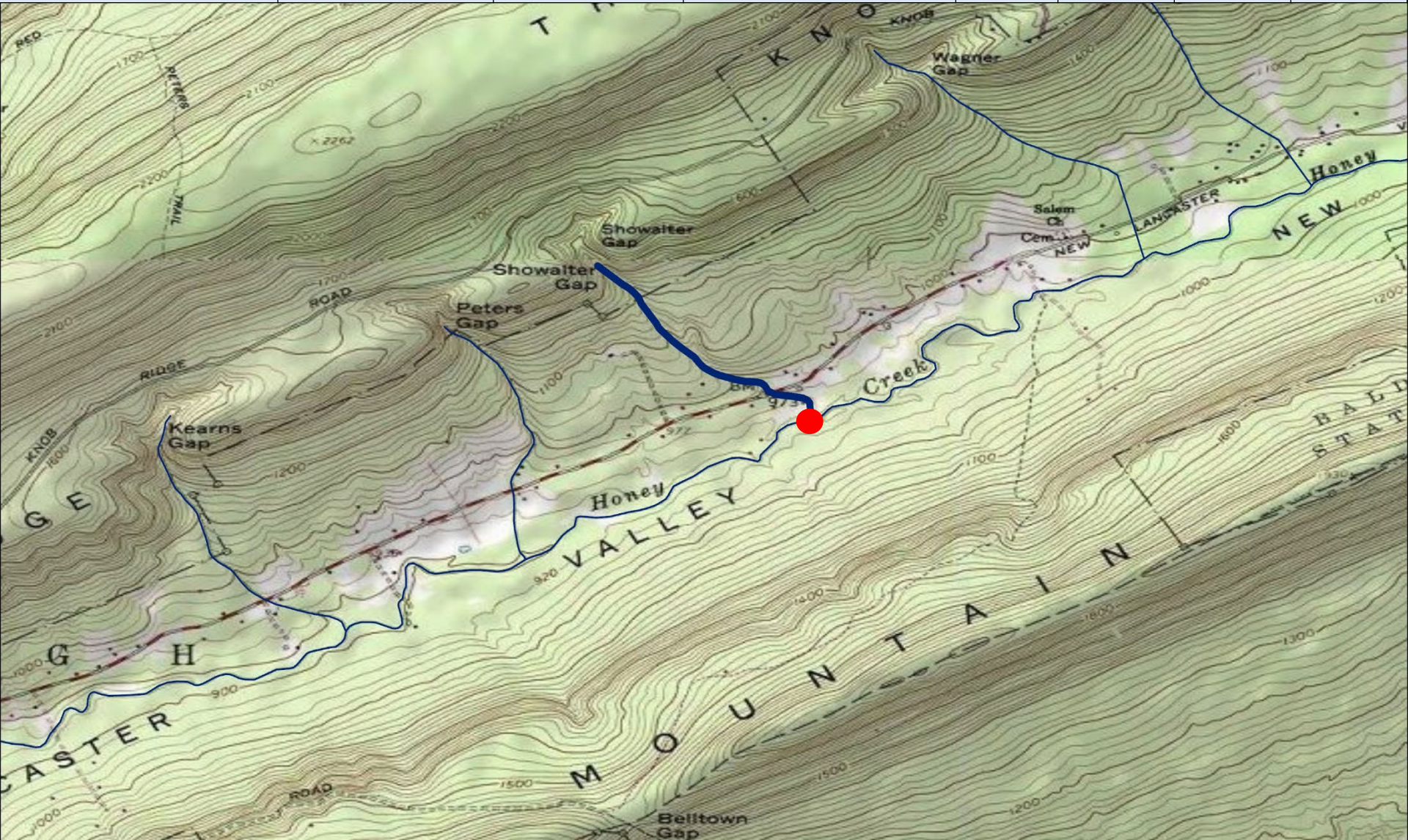
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Mifflin	Peters Gap Run	Honey Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brook Brown	18	4 3-5



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Mifflin	Reeds Gap Run	Honey Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.03	Brook Brown	16 6	2-6 4-6



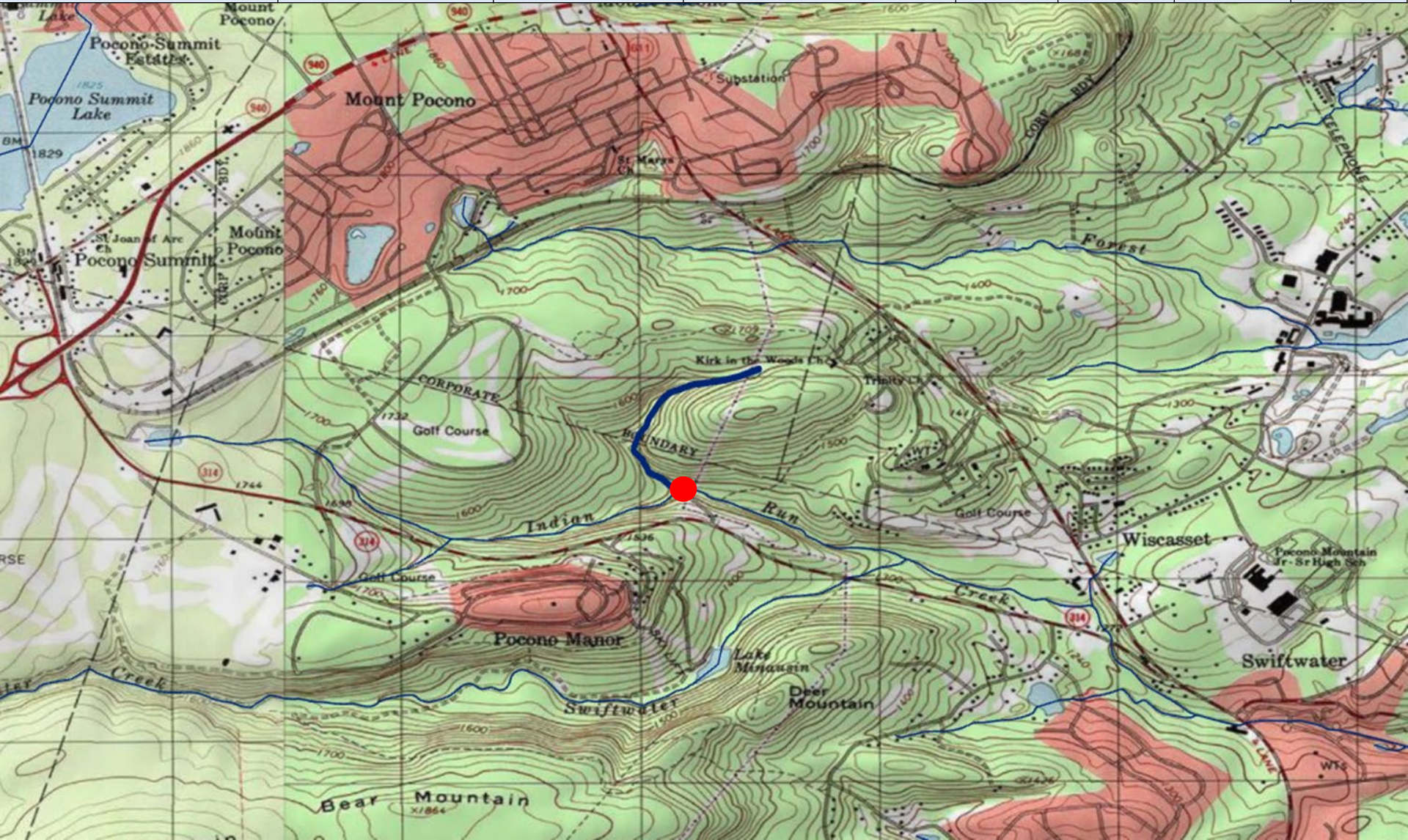
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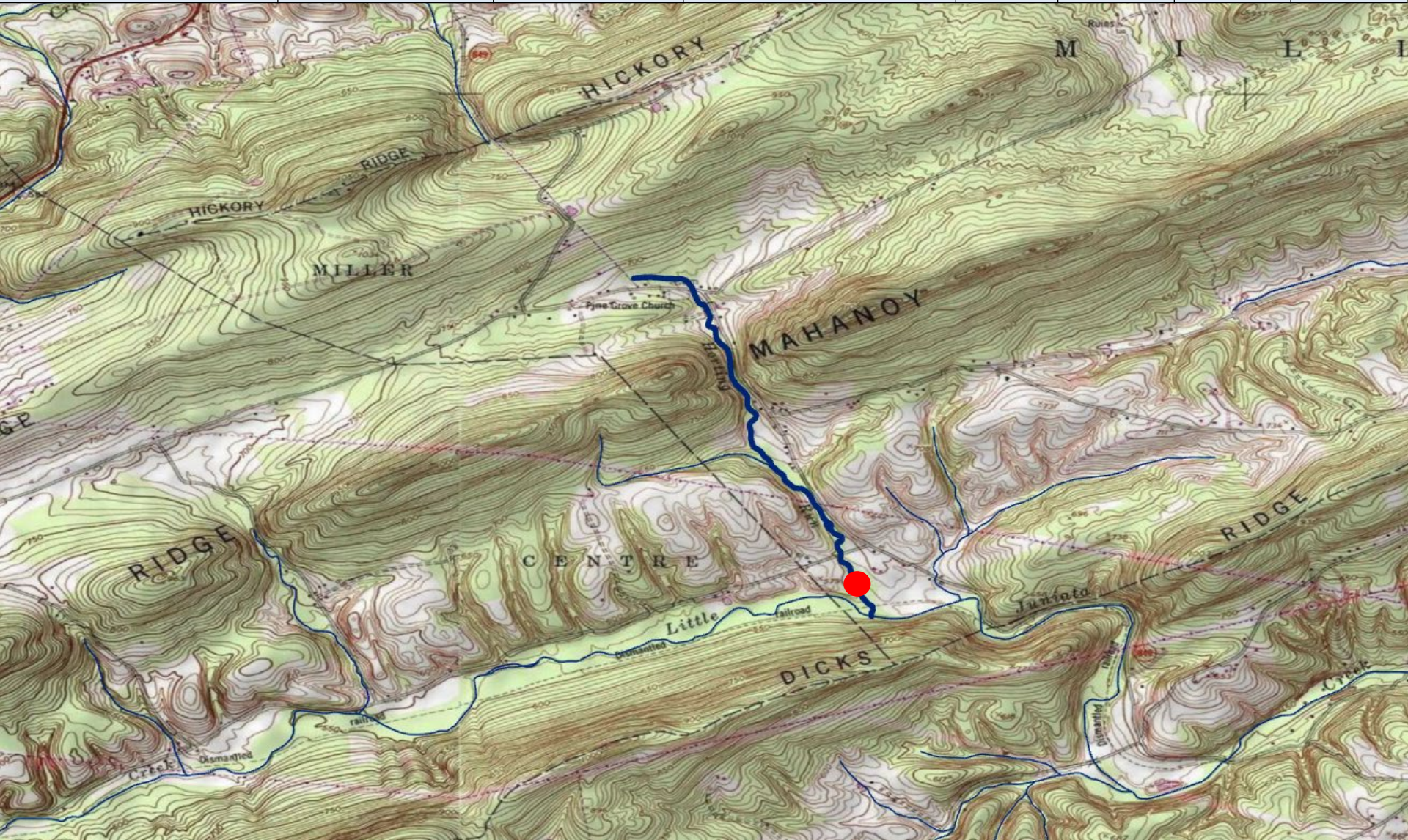
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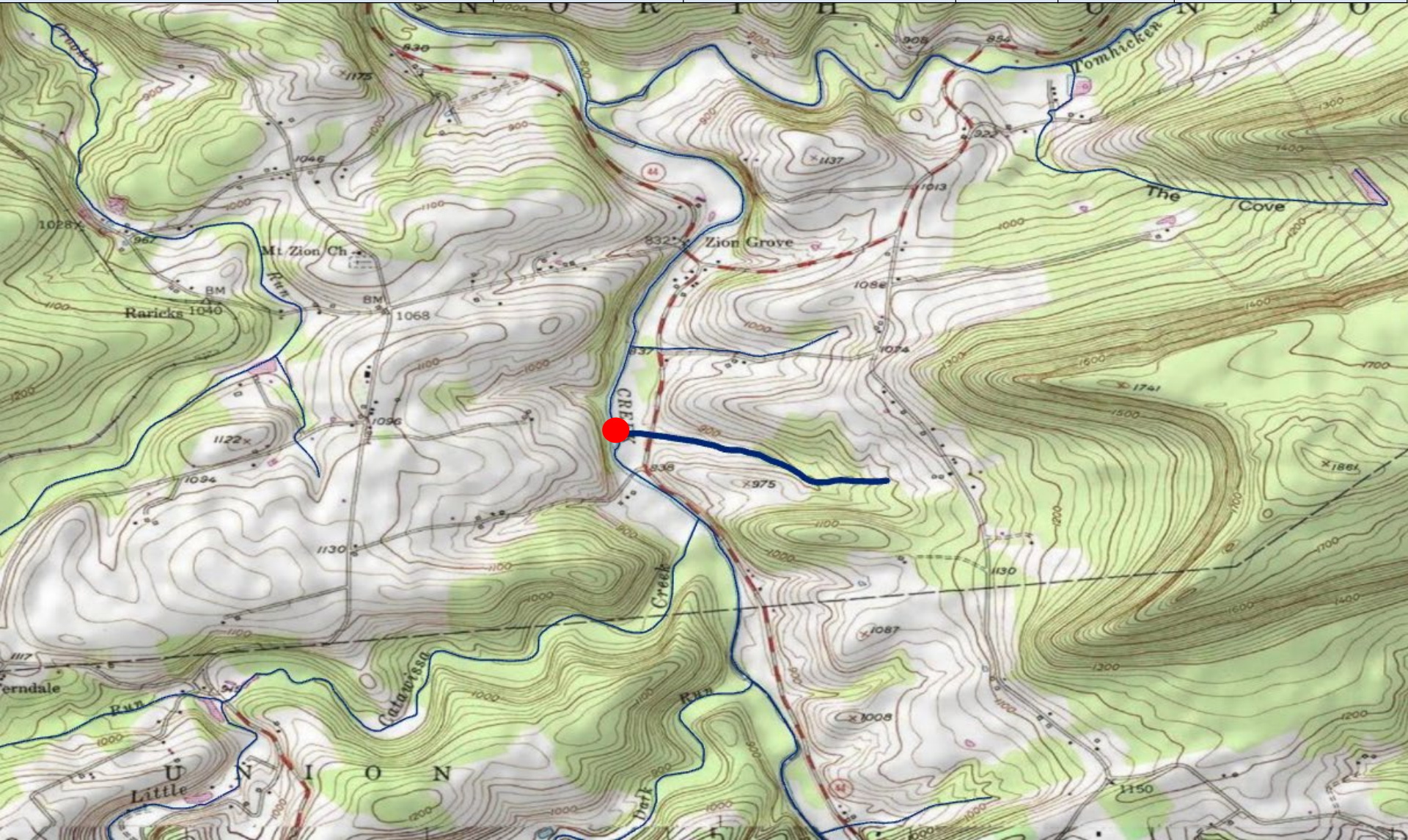
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Monroe	UNT to Indian Run (RM 0.64)	Indian Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brook Brown	25 22	2-6 2-7



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Perry	Horting Run	Little Juniata Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.14	Brown	9	2-3



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Schuylkill	UNT to Catawissa Creek (RM 23.85)	Catawissa Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brook Brown	9 10	2-9 2-12



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Somerset	UNT to Fall Creek (RM 1.75)	Fall Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brook	6	2-9



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Somerset	UNT to Higgins Run (RM 0.04)	Higgins Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.04	Brown	5	2



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile 	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Somerset	UNT to Jones Mill Run (RM 2.72)	Jones Mill Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brook	33	1-6



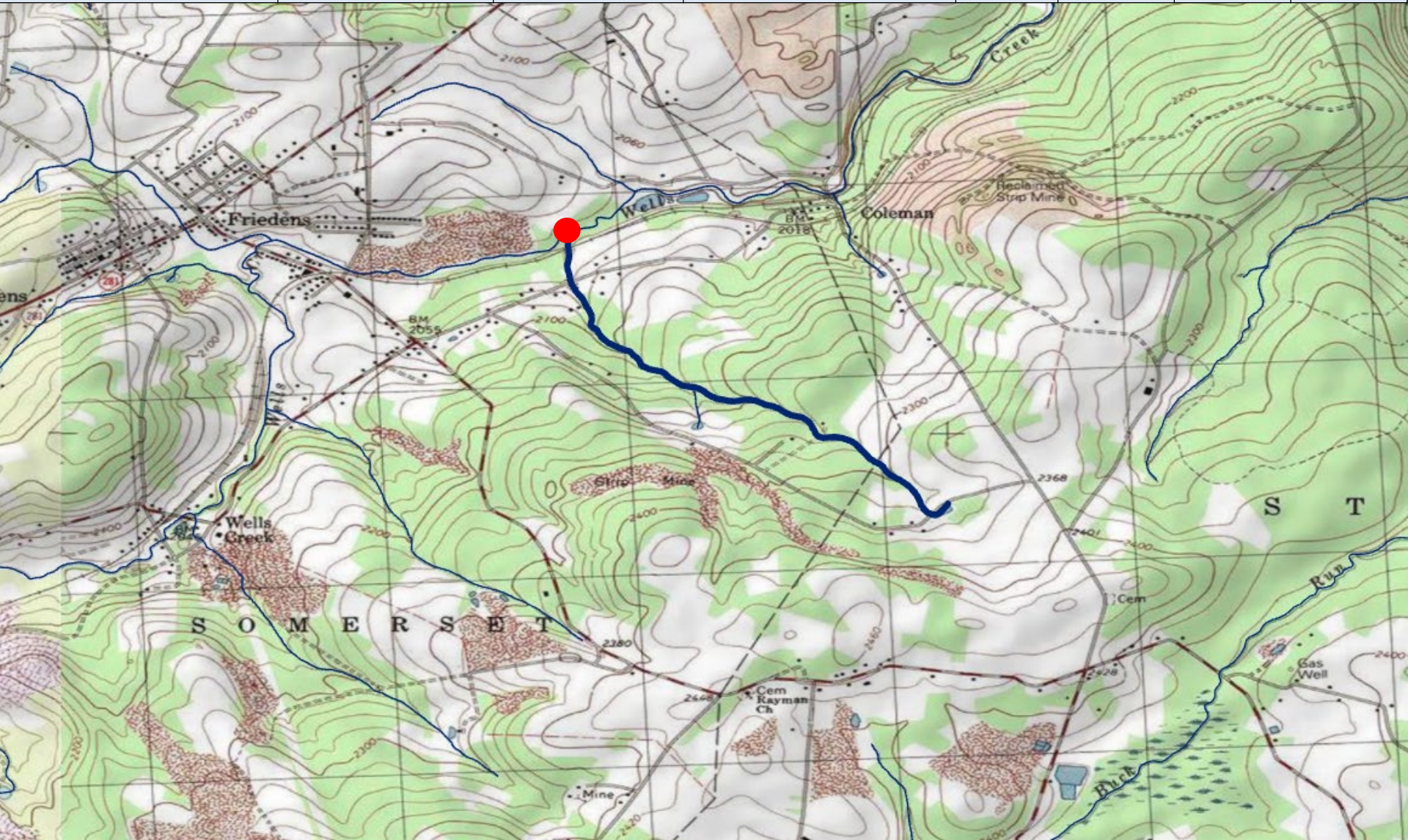
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Somerset	UNT to Shafer Run (RM 2.63)	Shafer Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.02	Brown	4	4-11



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Somerset	UNT to Shafer Run (RM 3.05)	Shafer Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.11	Brook Brown	6 18	4-6 1-8



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Somerset	UNT to Wells Creek (RM 2.96)	Wells Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brown	3	3



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Somerset	UNT to Wells Creek (RM 3.78)	Wells Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brown	8	3-5



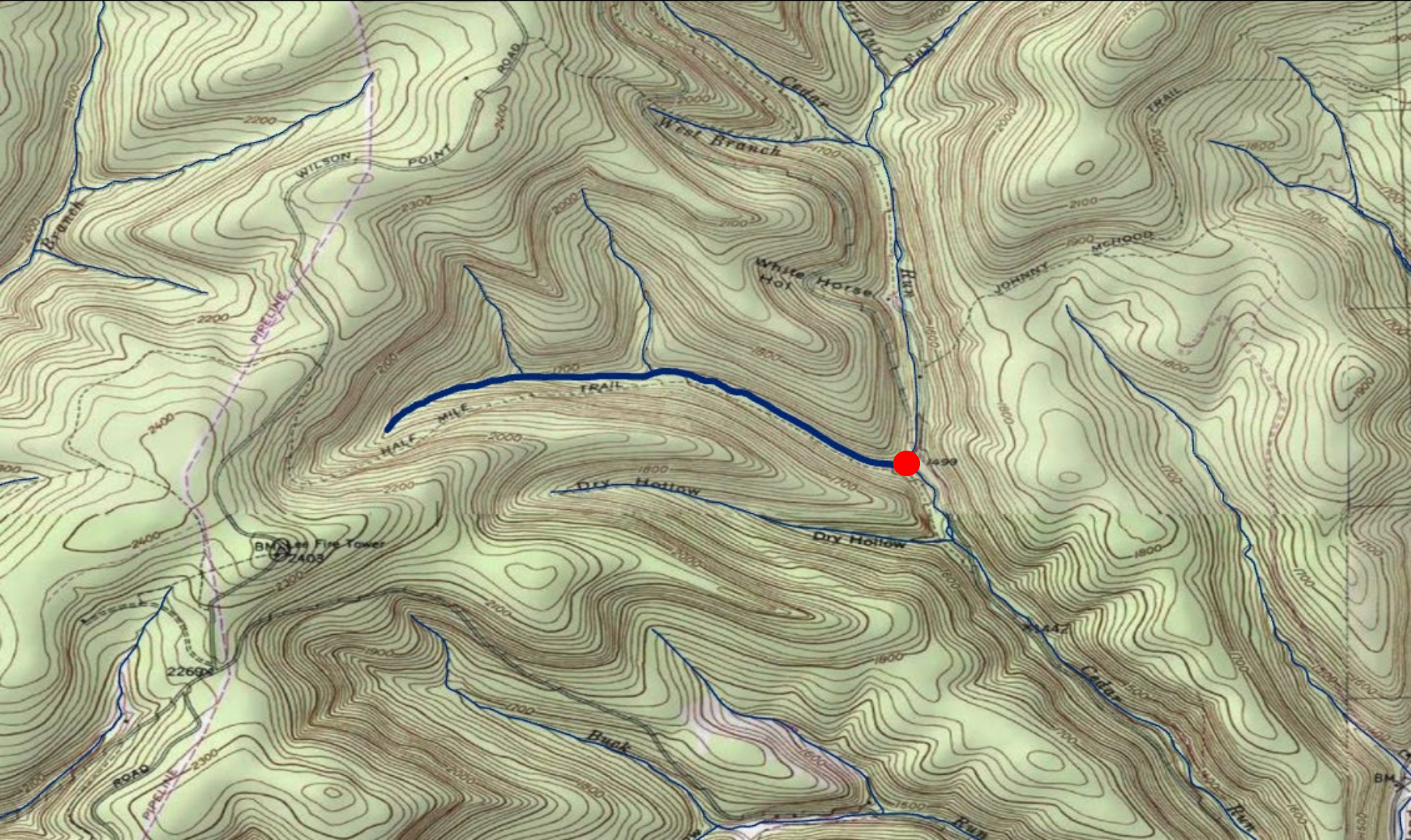
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Somerset	UNT to Wells Creek (RM 4.48)	Wells Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brown	5	2-8



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile 	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Somerset	UNT to Wells Creek (RM 6.67)	Wells Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.18	Brook Brown	5 3	4-9 3-11



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile 	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Tioga	UNT to Cedar Run (RM 9.34)	Cedar Run	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brook Brown	93 12	2-8 1-8



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Tioga	UNT to Slide Island Draft (RM 0.92)	Slide Island Draft	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brook Brown	196 14	2-8 3-8



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Venango	UNT to Little Sandy Creek (RM 2.68)	Little Sandy Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brook	10	2-7



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Venango	UNT to Little Sandy Creek (RM 3.13)	Little Sandy Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.01	Brook Brown	2 5	5 2-3



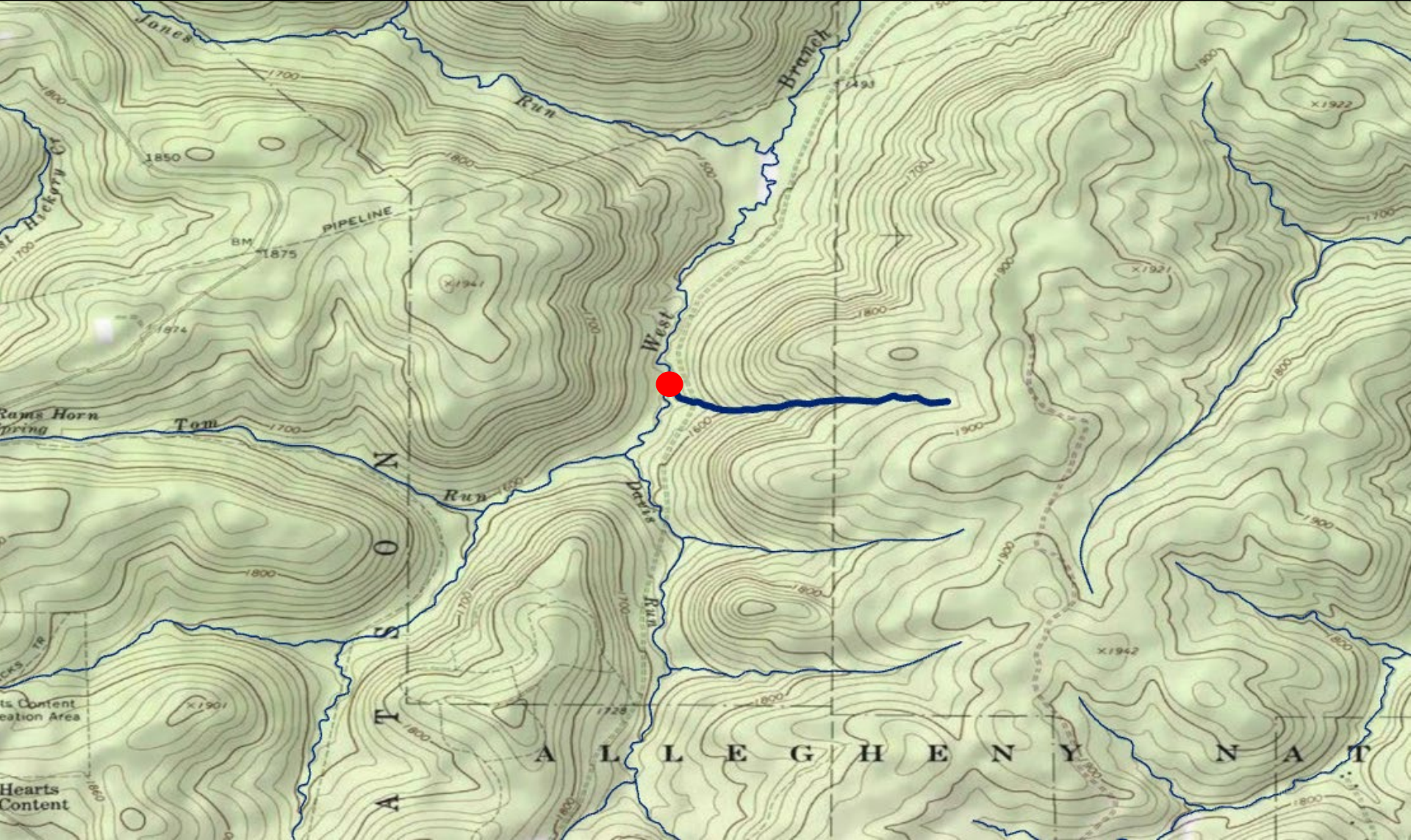
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Venango	UNT to Little Sandy Creek (RM 5.11)	Little Sandy Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brook Brown	17 1	2 2



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Warren	UNT to Otter Branch (RM 0.97)	Otter Branch	Headwaters to mouth	0.00	Brook	15	2-5



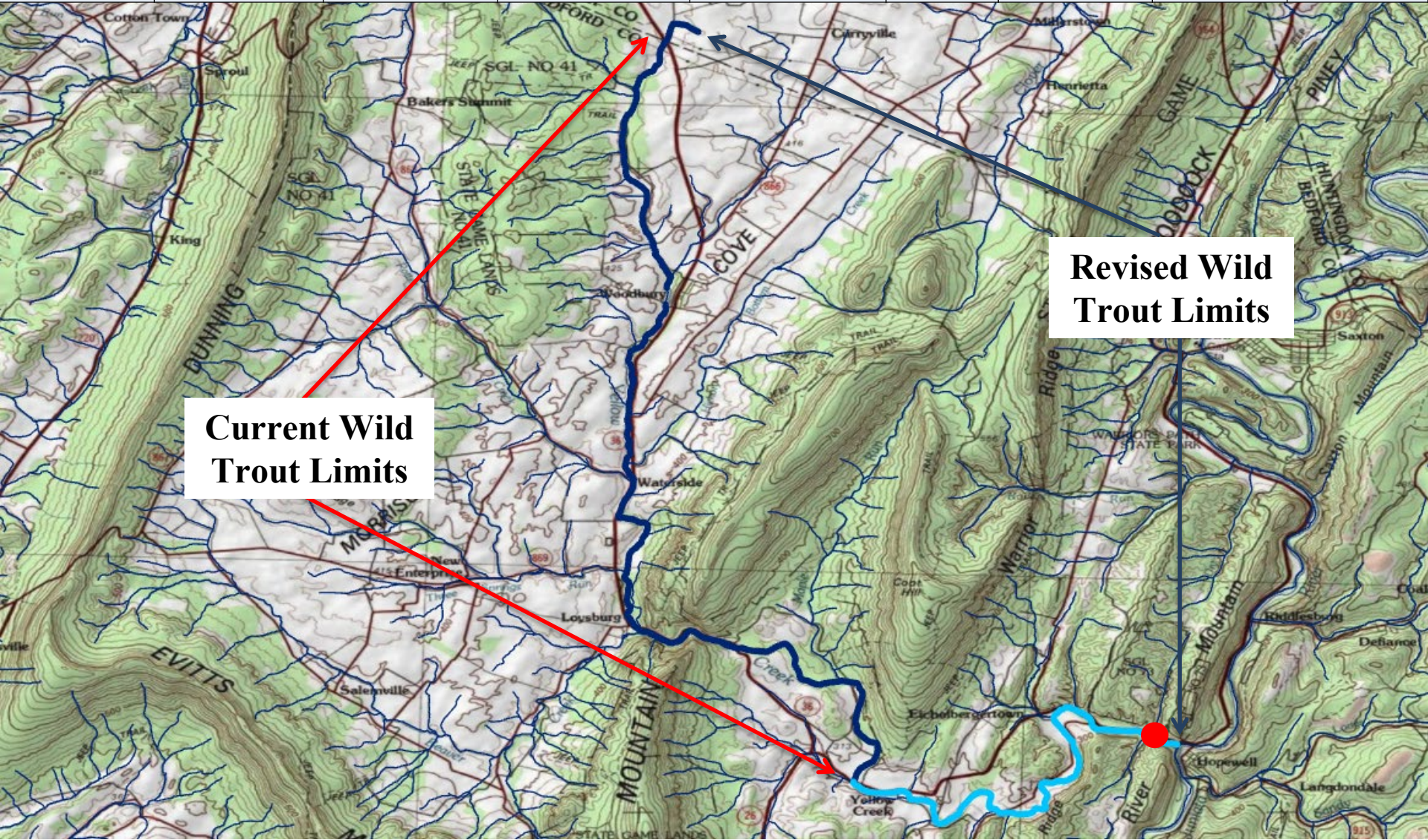
County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile 	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Warren	UNT to West Branch Tionesta Creek (RM 21.59)	West Branch Tionesta Creek	Headwaters to mouth	0.02	Brook	13	2-4



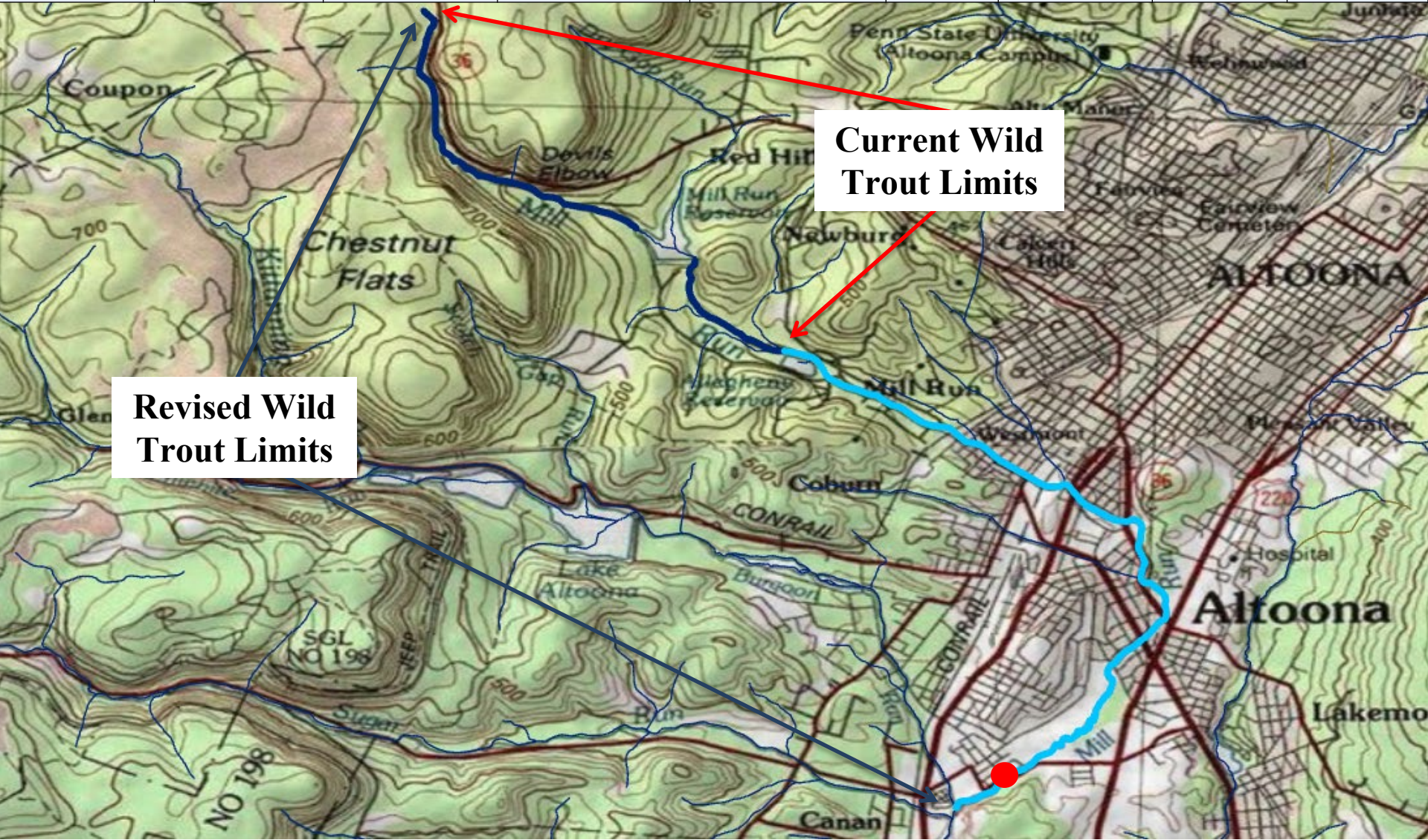
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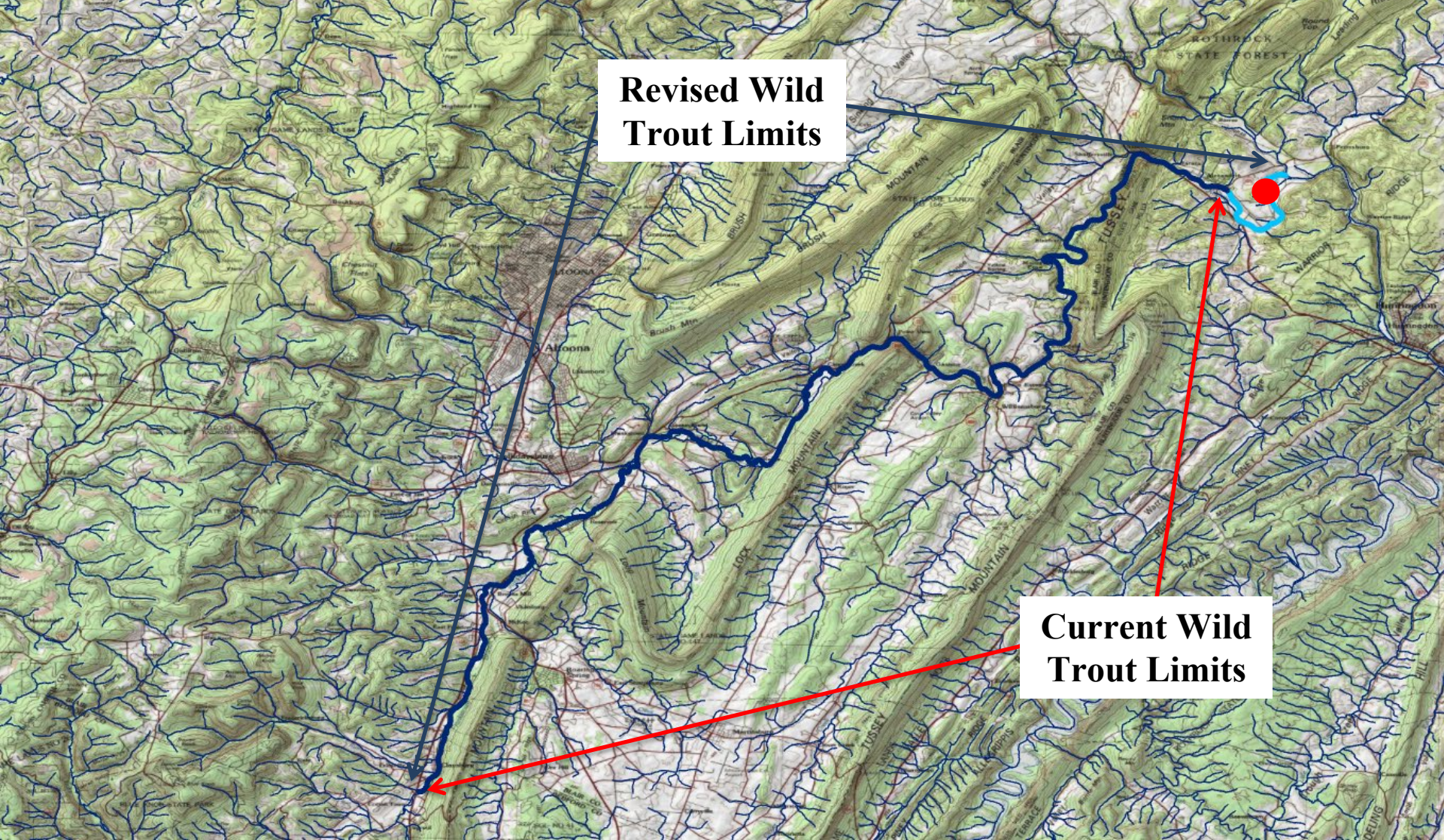
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Bedford	Yellow Creek	Raystown Branch Juniata River	Headwaters downstream to SR0026 bridge	Headwaters to mouth	0.08	Brown	6	7-11



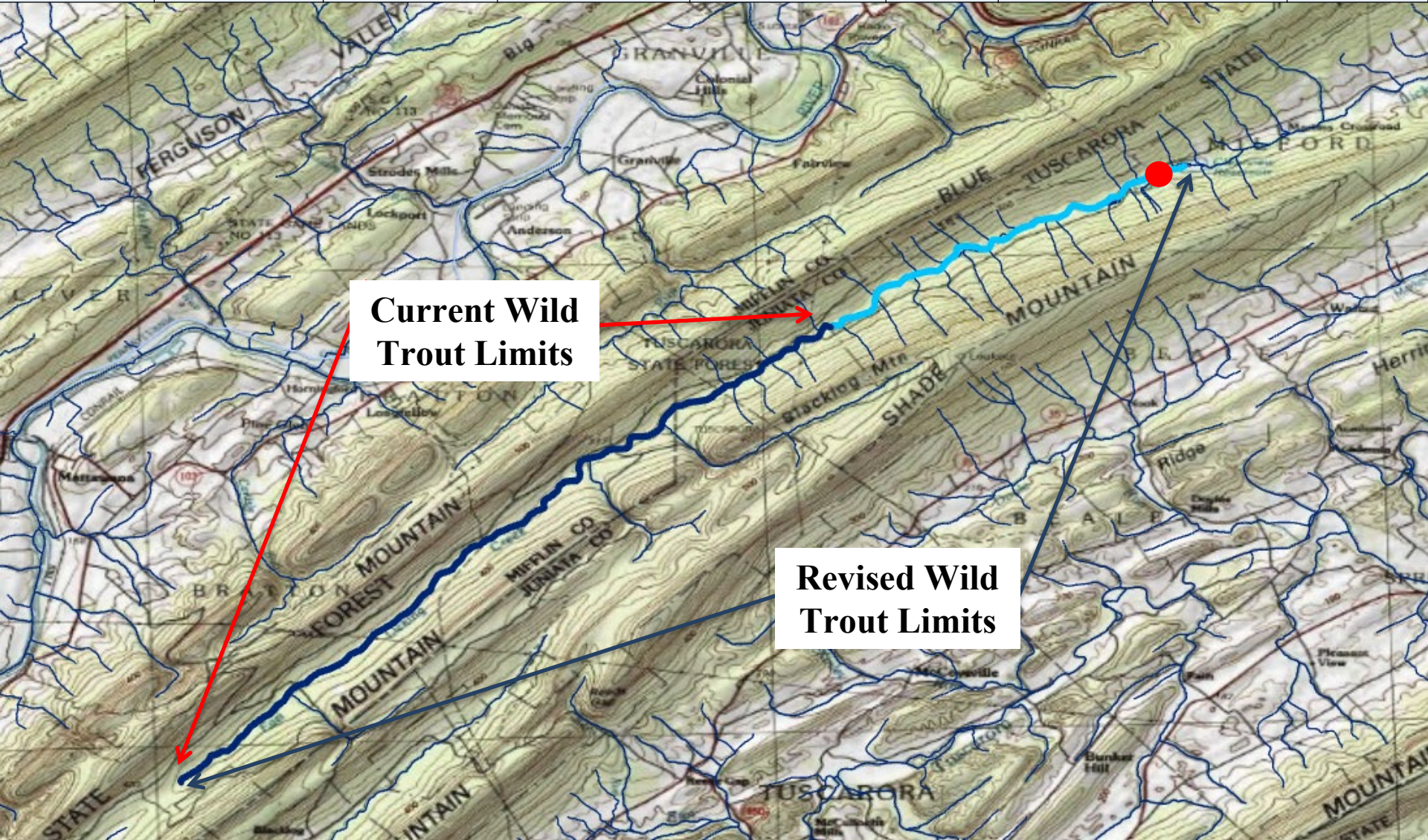
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Blair	Mill Run	Beaverdam Branch	Headwaters to backwaters of Allegheny Reservoir	Headwaters to mouth	0.28	Brown	14	1-16



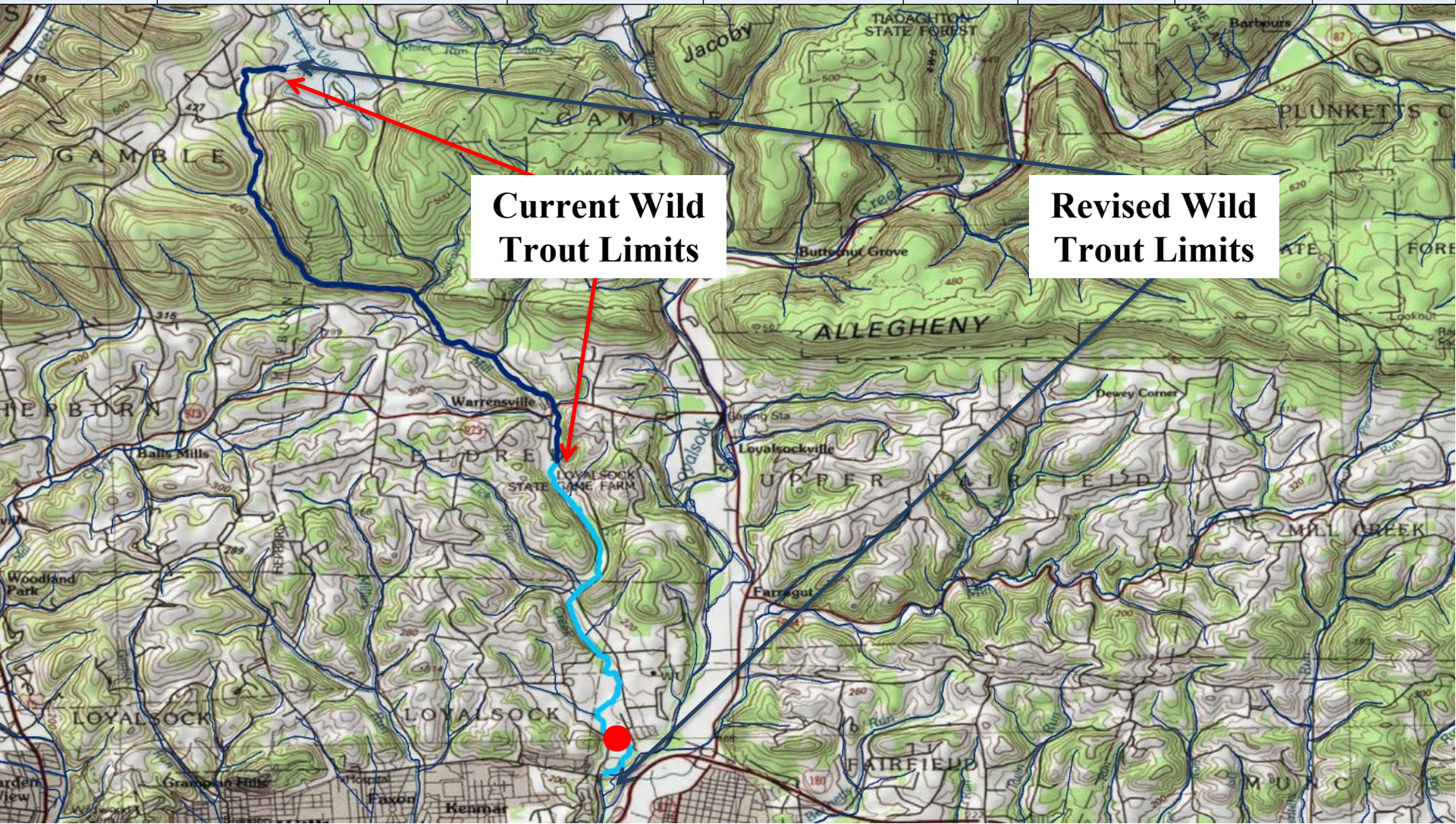
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Huntingdon	Frankstown Branch Juniata River	Juniata River	Headwaters to 500 meters downstream SR0305 bridge in Alexandria	Headwaters to mouth	0.95	Brown	6	4-19



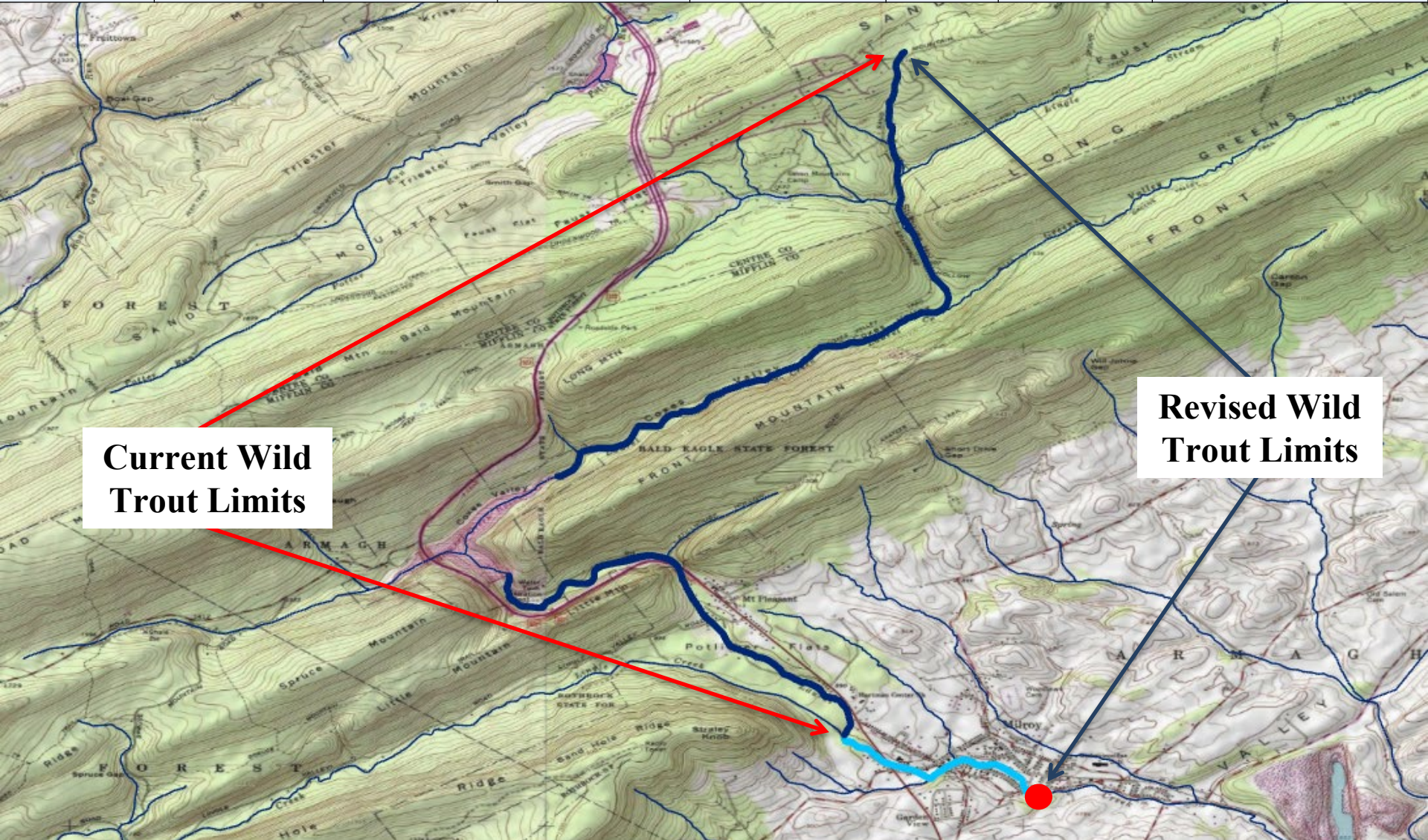
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Juniata	East Licking Creek	Tuscarora Creek	Headwaters to Tuscarora State Forest Boundary	Headwaters to Clearview Reservoir	10.22	Brown	3	3-9



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Current Wild Trout Limits	Revised Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Lycoming	Mill Creek (Warrensville)	Loyalsock Creek	Headwaters to first Warrensville Road (SR 2039) bridge downstream of Warrensville	Headwaters to mouth	0.54	Brown	16	2-18



County of Mouth	Stream Name	Tributary To	Current Wild Trout Limits	Revised Wild Trout Limits	Site River-mile ●	Species	Catch	Length (inches)
Mifflin	Laurel Creek	Honey Creek	Headwaters to Lingle Creek	Headwaters to sink at RM 1.99	1.99	Brown	75	2-12



NOTICES

FISH AND BOAT COMMISSION

Proposed Changes to the List of Wild Trout Streams; April 2026

[56 Pa.B. 978]

[Saturday, February 14, 2026]

Under 58 Pa. Code § 57.11 (relating to listing of wild trout streams), it is the policy of the Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) to accurately identify and classify stream sections supporting naturally reproducing populations of trout as wild trout streams. The Commission's Fisheries Management Division maintains the list of wild trout streams. The Executive Director, with the approval of the Commission, will from time-to-time publish the list of wild trout streams in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. The listing of a stream section as a wild trout stream is a biological designation that does not determine how it is managed. The Commission relies upon many factors in determining the appropriate management of streams.

At the next Commission meeting on April 27, 2026, the Commission will consider changes to its list of wild trout streams. Specifically, the Commission will consider the addition of the following streams or portions of streams to the list:

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Section Limits	Tributary to	Mouth Lat/Lon
Centre	Unnamed tributary (UNT) to Standing Stone Creek (RM 34.29)	Headwaters to Mouth	Standing Stone Creek	40.726931 77.701939
Centre	UNT to Wolf Run (RM 0.88)	Headwaters to Mouth	Wolf Run	40.773832 78.234550
Elk	Coalbank Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Millstone Creek	41.365837 79.073540
Elk	UNT to Mead Run (RM 2.52)	Headwaters to Mouth	Mead Run	41.286532 78.730259
Erie	UNT (RM 0.10) to UNT to South Branch French Creek (RM 17.24)	Headwaters to Mouth	UNT to South Branch French Creek (RM 17.24)	41.911337 79.701870
Erie	UNT to Spencer Creek (RM 1.94)	Headwaters to Mouth	Spencer Creek	41.943080 79.683700
Huntingdon	Flush Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Mill Creek	40.443786 77.925327
Huntingdon	Gensimore Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Juniata River	40.628154 78.175687
Huntingdon	Saddler Creek	Headwaters to Mouth	Mill Creek	40.450000 77.924444
Indiana	UNT to Dixon Run (RM 4.11)	Headwaters to Mouth	Dixon Run	40.721062 79.006037

Lancaster	UNT to Mill Creek (RM 25.07)	Headwaters to New Holland Reservoir	Mill Creek	40.095562 76.060913
Lycoming	Frozen Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Lycoming Creek	41.478611 76.978333
Lycoming	Miners Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Rock Run	41.515278 76.915556
Lycoming	Red Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Lycoming Creek	41.509544 76.951881
Mifflin	Black Gap Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Treaster Run	40.779376 77.424789
Mifflin	Chestnut Gap Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Bear Gap Run	40.783899 77.399362
Mifflin	Peters Gap Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Honey Creek	40.737620 77.430953
Mifflin	Reeds Gap Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Honey Creek	40.721699 77.473656
Mifflin	Showalter Gap Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Honey Creek	40.743230 77.419036
Mifflin	Weaver Gap Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Honey Creek	40.760629 77.382778
Monroe	UNT to Indian Run (RM 0.64)	Headwaters to Mouth	Indian Run	41.104790 75.355270
Perry	Horting Run	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Juniata Creek	40.430675 77.102826
Schuylkill	UNT to Catawissa Creek (RM 23.85)	Headwaters to Mouth	Catawissa Creek	40.894276 76.213032
Somerset	UNT to Fall Creek (RM 1.75)	Headwaters to Mouth	Fall Creek	39.960724 79.306416
Somerset	UNT to Higgins Run (RM 0.04)	Headwaters to Mouth	Higgins Run	40.143078 78.964960
Somerset	UNT to Jones Mill Run (RM 2.72)	Headwaters to Mouth	Jones Mill Run	40.021974 79.265369
Somerset	UNT to Shafer Run (RM 2.63)	Headwaters to Mouth	Shafer Run	40.076474 79.220982
Somerset	UNT to Shafer Run (RM 3.05)	Headwaters to Mouth	Shafer Run	40.080966 79.224762
Somerset	UNT to Wells Creek (RM 2.96)	Headwaters to Mouth	Wells Creek	40.051209 78.975863
Somerset	UNT to Wells Creek (RM 3.78)	Headwaters to Mouth	Wells Creek	40.050840 78.989851
Somerset	UNT to Wells Creek (RM 4.48)	Headwaters to Mouth	Wells Creek	40.042914 78.990089
Somerset	UNT to Wells Creek (RM 6.67)	Headwaters to Mouth	Wells Creek	40.025872 79.014415
Tioga	UNT to Cedar Run (RM 9.34)	Headwaters to Mouth	Cedar Run	41.627179 77.519669
Tioga	UNT to Slide Island Draft (RM 0.92)	Headwaters to Mouth	Slide Island Draft	41.612558 77.496381

Venango	UNT to Little Sandy Creek (RM 2.68)	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Sandy Creek	41.387711 79.940555
Venango	UNT to Little Sandy Creek (RM 3.13)	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Sandy Creek	41.386170 79.948270
Venango	UNT to Little Sandy Creek (RM 5.11)	Headwaters to Mouth	Little Sandy Creek	41.378090 79.977000
Warren	UNT to Otter Branch (RM 0.97)	Headwaters to Mouth	Otter Branch	41.700943 79.160810
Warren	UNT to West Branch Tionesta Creek (RM 21.59)	Headwaters to Mouth	West Branch Tionesta Creek	41.701677 79.217987

The Commission also will consider the following revisions to the section limits of streams on the list:

County of Mouth	Stream Name	Current Limits	Revised Limits	Tributary to	Mouth Lat/Lon
Bedford	Yellow Creek	Headwaters to SR 0026 bridge	Headwaters to Mouth	Raystown Branch Juniata River	40.137501 78.269447
Blair	Mill Run	Headwaters to backwaters of Allegheny Reservoir	Headwaters to Mouth	Beaverdam Branch	40.463333 78.423058
Huntingdon	Frankstown Branch Juniata River	Headwaters to 500 meters downstream SR 0305 Bridge in Alexandria	Headwaters to Mouth	Juniata River	40.560833 78.068611
Juniata	East Licking Creek	Headwaters to Tuscarora State Forest Boundary	Headwaters to Clearview Reservoir	Tuscarora Creek	40.528056 77.393333
Lycoming	Mill Creek (Warrensville)	Headwaters to first Warrensville Road (SR 2039) bridge downstream of Warrensville	Headwaters to Mouth	Loyalsock Creek	41.261111 76.934167
Mifflin	Laurel Creek	Headwaters to Lingle Creek	Headwaters to Sink at RM 1.99	Honey Creek	40.703466 77.550861

Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the classification of the streams listed may submit them in writing to the Executive Director, Fish and Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, within 30 days after publication of this notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. To submit a comment electronically, visit pa.gov/fishandboat/regcomments and click on the notice of proposed wild trout stream designations for § 57.11 (relating to listing of wild trout streams).

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