

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission

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Mr. Ben Lorson Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Division of Habitat Management 450 Robinson Lane Bellefonte, PA 16823

Dear Mr. Lorson

This letter acknowledges that I have reviewed your proposed dam removal project on Wetmore Run, Potter County. Wetmore Run supports a very good allopatric wild brook trout population above and below the dam. Removal of the dam will restore population connectivity and enhance instream habitat. The probability for project success is high. The project meets several objectives outlined in Pennsylvania's Brook Trout Conservation Strategies, including improving brook trout habitat and enhancing brook trout populations. Wetmore Run will continue to be open to public fishing which will provide for improved recreational angling opportunities in this area.

In closing, the PFBC supports the project's objectives to restore connectivity and improve habitat and water quality in Wetmore Run to benefit the wild brook trout population inhabiting this stream as well as provide for improved recreational angling opportunities.

Sincerely,

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Area Fisheries Manager PA EBTJV Representative

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