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Iowa  
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OUTSTANDING RESOURCE WATER EVALUATION

Stream Name: Trout Cr.  
Reach Designation: Big Spring; South line Sec. 30  
to mouth

CRITERIA

RELATED INFORMATION

IMPORTANT FISHERY

- Excellent Population Levels/Standing Stocks
- Outstanding Size Structure of Stocks
- Trophy Fishery
- Outstanding Ecological Diversity
- Endangered, Threatened, or Watch List Species or Unique Strains

Class I, Brown Trout  
200 lbs./acre  
Trophy Browns Present

SIGNIFICANT RECREATION OR PRESERVATION USE

- Provides Outstanding Fishing Experience
- Provides Other Outstanding Recreational Experiences or Special Uses
- Public Fishing Grounds
- State or Federal Wildlife Refuge
- ~~State Scientific~~ or Natural Area Proposed

good catch rates, extremely  
high angler use, fly fishing, aesthetics

Trout Cr. Public Fishing Area

Land use classification

UNIQUE ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

- Largely Wild and Undeveloped Watershed
- Largely Undeveloped Shoreline and "Viewshed"

Viewshed 65% undeveloped

WATER QUALITY

- Excellent Water Quality
- No Known Standards Violations
- No Existing or Potential WQ Problems

Benthic Community

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SOURCES OF POLLUTION

[ ] No significant impacts from point sources or culturally induced nonpoint sources

Fish kill below "Big Spring" in 1987 probably due to run off or diel D.O. swings.

If this stream reach did not receive a check in each of the 5 categories but, based on your professional judgement and overriding environmental concerns, you still believe that this should be an Outstanding Resource Water, explain why.

One of the five top trout producers in Dodgeville Area. Receives heavy fishing pressure from outside the area; Dane Co. (69%), Iowa Co. (12%), Milwaukee Co. + state of Illinois (19%). Fishing pressure on central area of stream 2,000 hours per mile per year. Despite NPS stream remains highly fished, good trout populations, and an excellent resource.

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