

# Penns Creek up for scenic rivers program

STATE COLLEGE — The Department of Environmental Resources will conduct a detailed study to see if Penns Creek, a famous wild trout stream, should be included in Pennsylvania's Wild and Scenic Rivers Program.

DER Secretary Clifford L. Jones made the announcement Sunday at a meeting of the Department's Citizens Advisory Council. Penns Creek flows for about 40 miles through Centre, Mifflin and Union counties from its source at

Penns Cave to its junction with the Susquehanna River. It is known among fishermen throughout the United States for its wild brown trout and prolific insect hatches, which combine to make some of the best fly fishing anywhere.

DER's Bald Eagle State Forest. About 3-1/2 miles of the stream above Weikert is owned by the Pennsylvania Fish Commission and is managed as a modified Fish-for-Fun area. The Fish-for-Fun area hasn't been stocked since 1971.

Jones said that as in all detailed scenic river studies, the department will involve local citizens in the study and decision making process.

## Jeff Craig receives scholarship



Nancy Kadwili, Montgomery County 4-H Coordinator, presents a \$1000 scholarship to Jeff Craig of Royersford, who was selected a Presidential award winner in "Achievement" as part of the National 4H Awards Program. Jeff won the scholarship, the silver Presidential tray and a trip to the National 4H Congress in Chicago. Sponsored by the Ford Motor Company Fund, based on his outstanding 4H work. Jeff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Litchert of Royersford, is a student at Millersville State College.

"Penns Creek is one of Pennsylvania's most valuable resources," Jones said. "Anglers who have fished the stream for more than 50 years say that it is as good or better today than it was 50 years ago."

He said the entire 40 miles of the stream will be studied, but the focus will be on the 10 mile section of the river from Coburn to Weikert.

"This is the wildest and most beautiful section of the river," Jones said. "Inclusion in the state's Wild and Scenic Rivers Program will help keep it that way."

Through much of its path from Coburn to Weikert, Penns Creek flows through

The stream is also popular in the spring with canoeists.

The study, which will begin in May, will determine whether the stream meets the criteria for wild and scenic rivers.

The Wild and Scenic Rivers Program, authorized by the Legislature in 1972, provides for the establishment of wild, scenic and recreational waterways.

A Wild and Scenic Rivers Task Force made up of citizen and government representatives, was formed in 1974 to help the department choose which rivers to study first.

Penns Creek was one of the task force's top recommendations.

The department is completing detailed investigations on segments of the Lehigh River in Luzerne and Carbon counties, Stony Creek in Dauphin and Lebanon counties, French Creek in Chester and Berks counties and Slippery Rock and Wolf Creeks in Butler, Lawrence and Mercer counties.

The final decision on whether to include a stream in the program must be made by the Legislature.

The Schuylkill River in Schuylkill, Berks, Montgomery, Chester and Philadelphia counties was designated by the Legislature in November, 1978, as the first river included in the program.

## Japanese beetle control lifted

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Federal regulations restricting the artificial spread of Japanese beetles on trucks and other means of conveyance have been lifted, except for aircraft, an official of the U.S. Department of Agriculture said.

Federal regulations, in effect since 1919, have limited artificial spread of the beetles but not the natural spread, according to James O. Lee, deputy administrator of the department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS).

Lee said beetle grubs and adults damage nearly 300 different kinds of ornamentals and crops and are now found in every state east of the Mississippi.

APHIS officers at eastern airports monitor buildup of adult Japanese beetles. When they get so numerous that they are likely to fly aboard aircraft, the APHIS officers declare the airport "regulated."

Steps are then taken to

keep the beetles out of aircraft. Special seals and precautions are used for doors and entryways, and, if needed, insecticides are used to kill beetles that come aboard.

In some cases, shrubs and other plants on airport grounds also are treated to keep down the numbers of flying beetles. Trained personnel under APHIS supervision use only insecticides approved by the Environmental Protection Agency for this use.

Regulations on airports are lifted when beetle numbers decline. Ordinarily, fewer than ten airports are regulated, usually for six weeks, or less, mostly in July and August.

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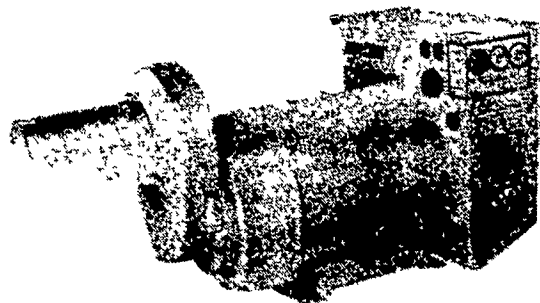
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