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## **Top DEP Stories**

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## **Climate Change**

WJPA: Climate Laws In The Crosshairs Of The DOJ

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WJAC: Pennsylvanians urged to avoid interacting with young wildlife during birthing season  
<https://wjactv.com/news/local/pennsylvanians-urged-avoid-interacting-with-young-wildlife-during-birthing-season-game-commission-pennsylvania-animals-spring#>

Pennlive: Some of Pa's 3.2M trout stocked at Boiling Springs Children's Lake for 2025 season  
<https://www.pennlive.com/life/2025/03/some-of-pas-32-million-trout-stocked-at-boiling-springs-childrens-lake-for-2025-fishing-season.html>

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