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Subject: : Gear Talk

Topic: : Orvis Waders

Re: Orvis Waders

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Quote:

bigjohn58 wrote:

... I made the mistake kind of of purchasing the felts with the metal cleats. I love the added traction especially on certain streams such as Little Pine that I find very hard to stand in because of the rock slime but I was told by the guys at Fly Fishermen's Paradise that the studs cause the boot bottoms to fall off faster because the felts wear down around the studs it causes the stud to move around underneath the felt and then eventually the whole felt comes loose. They need to find a way to keep the studs perminately in place on the sole. My old Hodgman boots would have held up find if it wouldn't have been for the snow (snow and felts don't mix) but the Orvis boots I got with the studs and everytime the bottoms come off I loose the studs and thats what they give me back in return every time. I even asked for the ones without the studs but they said they can only return them for the same product. At least I know I can return them in another 9 to 12 months.

BigJohn,

Chota makes a studded cleat (machine screws screwed into a raised sole)that do not interfere with the felt wear. And I have a pair of Weinbrenner with built in cleats like the orvis that have not interfered with the felt. Both felts are a more durable (grey) hybrid felt (which may or may not mean they can reproduce) 😊 Anyway, I think getting two years out of felt fishing like I do aint a bad deal.

You are getting 150 days of fishing from approximately \$150 invested. and every time you send them back you double your money. Thats 50 cents each time you go fishing for a secure and confident footing. That ain't a bad deal.

I don't think you realize how much you rely on the studs...without them you would be very disappointed.

Maurice