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Re: Do you consider it ethical to advertise small streams?

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Like everyone else, I think there are mitigating factors. First, to get around the "ethical" question (skip this if you don't care about ethics): Is it "ethical" in terms of the specific resource, the fisherman who currently use it, or western society at large? As far as the rights of individual fish, they would probably tell you no, it's not ethical. In terms of the resource more broadly, perhaps, if it leads to increased community awareness, thus preventing development, encouraging TU to get involved, etc. Finally, for the anglers involved, solitude and willing fish must be weighed against the desire for happy fly fisherman to want to use and protect resources. It's the same problem that fly shops have. I want to get a good tip on a local fishing spot when I buy a bunch of gear, but I also don't want it to be overfished--so what info do fly shops give out to which customers?

That aside, I think some information should be shared via PM. Brook trout streams, for example, in their entirety shouldn't be mentioned. I have no problem talking about Valley Creek on the board, however, which is small but well traveled. That said, I would not mention specific access points outside of a PM. Same goes for rivers.