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Your picture is a dun. If they are actively hatching, and fish are taking duns, then yes, dun phase.

With a lot of hatches, including this one, the nymphs ride just under the surface as they emerge. On a mountain freestoner, those fish probably aren't being all that picky, and taking nymphs, emergers, and duns as available.

But on some streams they'll get picky and focus in on the nymphs in the surface film, letting floating duns float on by. It's frustrating for the fisherman because you see the dang rises, have the size and color correct, but can't hook up as much as you think you should. It's not that your presenting the dun poorly, or the size or color is a touch off. It's that you should be using an unweighted nymph floated IN the surface film, not on it.

That'd be my biggest word of advice. If you notice a lot of refusals, try floating a nymph. An unweighted pheasant tail of the same size would do the trick, fish it like a dry, unless it's sinking too much, in which case grease the leader.

But so long as it's working. Carry on!