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Re: The Spotburning Thread

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Here is a parallel situation which may support the excellent idea of restricting access to Stream Reports to reduce spot burn concerns: some of the forums I frequent have buying/selling/trading sections. Sometimes they attract folks with nefarious intentions who try to rip off the members. The common remedy is to establish a threshold of number of posts and length of membership time before you can access the buying/etc section.

A year ago, someone observed that the number of unregistered lurkers exceeded those of legitimate members looking at this forum. Maybe some of those were actually members who just didn't log in. Further, I recall that some felt a lot of the lurkers were not flyfishers but baiters and harvesters who were looking for hot spots. If this is indeed the case, we can preserve the founding intentions of this fine forum by keeping freeloaders from raiding our treasures.

If you were trying to run a restaurant with a particular atmosphere and clientele in mind, would you let random freeloaders come in with brown bags and let them use the restroom, enjoy the music (if any) and otherwise freeload off your facilities?

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PS - although sometimes I like solitude when ffishing, I usually enjoy running into other PAFFers on the water