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Topic: : The Spotburning Thread

Re: The Spotburning Thread

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Foxgap239 wrote:

I have no idea if they read my post or not but I did get a friendly PM, from a guy a now have a great deal of respect for, saying that I might want to not post about that "sensitive" stream. That stream is by no means a secret but it certainly didn't need the added pub of my successes. That said, I have never and will never blast someone in open forum because it was done to me and I have to tell you, it didn't feel too good.

I did basically the same thing when I first joined but with a few different streams (at that point I had never fished the stream you're talking about). I also got a friendly PM that suggested to be a little more careful. Despite the fact that I have never seen anyone else on the few streams I mentioned (before or after posting) I have taken that advice to heart. I've had one PM (from someone with one post on the site) that basically said "you moron, don't post names of streams in that area, they will get cleaned out." I didn't agree with their viewpoint or attitude but they made their comment PRIVATELY. To me there is no point to blasting someone publicly. Some who do this say "I don't feel like taking the time to send a PM," but they have the time to post and argue publicly day after day? One PM will go a lot further than multi-page, week-long arguments that bring the stream trying to be "kept secret" to the attention of everyone reading the site.

As far as what I think of spotburning: I do not share the same opinion as many here that naming streams on this forum has a huge impact, except in select cases. However, I still choose not post many stream names publicly because others have a desire to keep others off "their" streams and I am trying to be respectful of their wishes. And also because I fish a lot of streams that don't have names to begin with 😊

One last thing, for those who think streams can still be "secret" (if anyone even does think that)...I have yet to find a trout stream of any size that has not also been fished by other members of this forum.