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I work on AIS issues for Trout Unlimited. Didymo, while not good, is a little different than some of the other aquatic invasive species threats in that it is native to North America. So, while it is impossible to predict exactly what will happen in each stream, Didymo is a native species, and it may not cause the severe infestations that have occurred in places like New Zealand. However, anglers should be vigilant. They can be a vector for Didymo to introduce it and spread it to new waters. TU strongly supports the adoption of clean angling practices to inspect, clean, and dry your gear, especially your wading boots and waders, and to not move fish, fish parts, plants or water between drainages. Elimination of the use of felt soles is also a good idea, and it will help reduce the risk of introducing and spreading AIS.