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Pcray,

I know this doesn't meet your requirements but here is something to think about.

I was always a user of the low end Choata cheap felt wading boots and they worked fine however, in rubber, most of the cheap ones are very slippery and have no traction even with studs (the rubber is too hard and doesn't compress and bite into the rocks for traction). After talking to a lot of people in the industry, I ended up biting the bullet (reluctantly) and buying a pair of Simms G4 guide boots – far more than I ever expected to pay for wading boots. I also got the studs (not the star ones but the regular studs).

First, the support of the boot alone is incredible. I cannot believe how much better my feet, legs and back feels after a full day of walking miles and miles and even just standing in the stream. They are also extremely comfortable. I wish I would have bought a high end boot years ago – there is that much of a comfort difference.

Second, they are extremely durable. I was shredding 1 and sometimes 2 pair of Choata boots (\$60 ones) once a year. These Simms boots are definitely made to last and can take a beating.

Third, the sole really grabs on to things quite well. I've been using these in the Delaware and they have really good traction and as long as I take things a little slower than with felt soles, I can do everything I could with the felt soles.

I am extremely glad I spent the extra \$150 over what I normally would have spent on wading boots. I uses these all over even in places where I could use my old felt boots.