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Subject: : Fly Fishing Locations

Topic: : the V-word

Re: the V-word

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Quote:

Stagger\_Lee wrote:

Serious question .. what gives with all this spot burn stuff?

Seems some guys get defensive abt spot burning and others are more than happy to discuss locations. Believe me I have no secret spots but got reamed once for asking a question. I just moved on and didn't answer but kind of felt that some questions are off limits.

Is there a policy and/or 'secret' code of conduct on the board?

StagMeister,

I think the general stream (no pun intended) of thought on the subject (spot burning) is being, I think, discrete about where (exactly) you fish.

That said there seems to be varying criteria in what one would consider spot burning - at least from my observations thus far.

As an example, Valley Creek - everyone whose anyone knows of Valley Creek and as I said yesterday, there are no secret spots on Valley. That water has been fished top to bottom by hundreds of fisherman. Generally speaking though it's not a big draw - you won't encounter too many days when there are more than may 5 or 10 fisherman the whole length. So to me mentioning Valley would not spot burning if I were asked.

Now on the otherhand lets say you discover a prime wild trout fishery somewhere out there in the wilds of PA where the brookies are long as your arm and there more fish than you can imagine. For some naming this stream might be considered spot burn. Or maybe you find a certain stretch of a stream where all the good fishing happens and you name the spot (detailed description, how to get there) some would consider that spot burning.

Needless to say I think it's just a protective mechanism to prevent non-regulars from finding good to great places to fish - those that troll the board just for these purposes.

I say the best policy is simply not mentioning exactly where you go if you are worried about it getting over fished and use PM if you trust the person asking for tips.