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I have a trip planned with my father and father in law to Tioga County in a couple of weeks. The plan was to try to fish some of the tribs to Kettle and Pine for some prespawn Brookies and Browns. In scheduling the trip, I was probably remembering the good flows in the smaller streams this time last year as a result of the floods, and forgot that's really not the norm in terms of streamflow for late September. Things are low now, and I'm not really seeing any significant rain materializing in the 10 day forecast...still too early to tell though. A well timed T-Storm that weekend could change that for us.

Anyway, the cabin is booked for a long weekend and we're going one way or the other, so I'm starting to consider my options for backup plans in the event of low flows. My initial thought was to just fish Pine for Smallmouth...say from Gaines down through the Canyon section. I've only ever fished Pine in the Spring though, and that was mostly fishing the hatches with dries...I've only ever caught stocker Trout. Just from my experience with similar streams, I assume it must have a decent Smallmouth population and therefore should fish well for them once the water has warmed. That is nothing but an assumption though.

Not looking for specifics or anything like that, just wondering if a few local guys could confirm this is a viable option as a backup plan in the event flows stay as low as they are. Feel free to PM if you prefer, but again not looking for anything too detailed here.

Thanks gang.