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Hi jjensen,  
Your conscientious outlook is commendable. If you check out the general forum there is some discussion of the issue of fishing wild trout streams during the spawn. My advice would be to leave browns alone that are on redds or in areas where there are a lot of redds (this includes very obvious parts of Spring Creek). Focus your efforts in "fishy" water where you don't see redds. Also watch for risers. Rising trout probably aren't spawning and can be ethically targeted (IMO). Slower, deeper, pools on Spring Creek usually have rising fish year round. Midges and small terrestrials are usually dependable on this risers. Egg flies work well in the fall. Trout, both browns and rainbows, eat eggs when they're available. Sometimes, in the fall, if I see browns spawning, I'll check a few feet below them - you'll often see a rainbow waiting for eggs or bugs kicked out by the raucous browns. Show that 'bow an egg and you should hook up. Just keep that egg away from the browns on the redds as they will eat them too.