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Re: Wading Boots Question
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> L_soult wrote:
> The reason I'm asking is, it's hard to outfit myself for FF in the first season (last year didn't count). Especially if I want to make sound investments on on quality gear.
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> So with that being said and all comments above taken into consideration, I'm thinking I can glue some heavy felt to the bottoms of an old pair of worn soled (leaky 😃) hiking boots provided I can fit my wader feet into them?
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> At least til they fall apart or I come across a sweet deal on boots.
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> Any tangible downsides to this?

Downside - trying to save some coin, and then finding that the boots catastrophically fail at some horribly inopportune time, like wading across a stream in high flow three miles in to a fishing excursion somewhere, and your glued on sole decided to delaminate.. Best case, you have to walk out with a floppy boot. Worst case, you float back to where you started and someone fishes you out of the drink. I like to save money as much as possible, but wading boots are not what I would target as the source of the savings. Think about the amount of time you spend on your feet and the wear and tear the boots take in the environment we fish in (dirt, mud, stones, sand, logs, hot, cold, wet/dry cycles) and something engineered for that is probably a better investment.