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+1 on Mo's comment. By mid May last year, the flows were lower than I've ever seen them and the water temps got up to the 60's before April 1st. We went for Hendricksons last year and got Sulphurs / Grey Fox hatches. Go figure.

The lakes are in the high 90% range so it's likely we'll see spillage this spring (if we get a little rain). Unfortunately, there isn't much snow on the ground to feed the creeks this year.

For 25 years, I've used May 1st as the date to be there. Some years you are early and others you are late. I use the 50 degree mark as a general indication of when it will bust loose. Once the water hits a high of 50 - 52 degrees for a few days, it's on. That will also give you better conditions to find actively feeding fish. In general, more fish will rise / chase nymphs in 52 degree water than in 42.

If you miss one hatch, there will probably be a different hatch going on. Change patterns and go get em'.