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Re: Just thought I would share this...

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Quote:

pcray1231 wrote:

Now using Simms Rivershed soles with studs, I can say, there's absolutely no question, felt gives superior traction.

That said, the better rubber soles are acceptable. Just have to be a little more careful at times. The cheaper rubber soles on the lower brands are downright dangerous.

Few people would argue that felt soles give better traction, but the risks that come along with their use are unacceptable. Just use more studs, you'll be fine.

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pcray1231 wrote:

I'm not gonna tear into people who still wear felt. Just be knowledgeable about this and take precautions. Clean them correctly to avoid the spread of didymo. It's a hassle, but it's the price we all have to pay, and you have to pay extra close attention to it with felt.

Well, I dare say you should be. I'm not saying that felt soles can't be used responsibly, I'm just saying I expect the vast majority of people who use them either ignore safety precautions or are taking inadequate precautions.

Research has shown it is incredibly difficult to kill didymo spores in felt soled boots. Unless you're heating your boots to 120 degrees for at least 20 minutes after use, you're not getting it done. Even multiple, successive soakings (soakings, not sprayings) in disinfectant solutions won't kill all the didymo in a felt sole. And drying? Forget about it. Felt soles stay wet for weeks or even months depending on the ventilation in the area where they are stored.