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Re: Just thought I would share this...
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I disagree on #1 only. My Simms lug soles collect snow worse than my felts ever did. And I think they're harder to climb streambanks. Of course, where I fish most often, those banks are mostly solid, large rocks just like the stream bottom.

I don't deny that rubber is better on dirt and mud. Just that traction on dirt and mud was never as much of an issue as traction on rock.

#3, though, I wholeheartedly agree with, and that's why rubber is superior for preventing transmission of invasives like didymo. Gotta be a little careful not to get overconfident. Rubber merely improves the situation, not solves it. You still gotta pay attention and make sure ALL of your gear is bone dry or cleaned/treated properly. I could see an issue where felt wearers, because they're wearing felt, take proper precautions, and rubber wearers don't pay as close attention just because they're wearing rubber and think they're good to go. Everyone has to take proper precautions. Rubber merely makes it easier to do so.

FWIW, my cleaning routine when I was wearing felt was to have a plastic tub, filled with a bleach solution high enough to cover the felts, but not submerge most of the uppers. They sat in there overnight. In the morning I'd rinse the whole shoe in the solution, then rinse with water, and let sit to dry. I also had 2 pair, which would rotate, and allow each pair to dry longer. (2 pair were still cheaper than freakin Simms, lol).

For the rubber ones, I merely rinse and let dry. The one nice thing about the Simms is that even the uppers don't hold water. But unless they last me 10 years, just not worth that kind of money. They were freakin $200. I'd never went much north of $50 on wading boots before that. Lots of sticker shock.