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Chaz, my experience has often been the opposite. So many of these streams have a lot of brookies, and a few browns. My wintertime excursions tend to turn up a much higher % of browns than summertime excursions. I've caught my share of aggressive browns under ice (riffles stay ice free, pools freeze up, drift a bugger up under!).

My impression is just that browns in these streams are more apt to turn on and off. If the water is 34 and rises to 38, fish'll turn on, but browns moreso than brookies. But if it's 38 and drops to 36, you'll NEVER catch a brown. You're chances of catching a brookie aren't hurt that bad (though they weren't great to begin with).

My winter excursions to these streams are usually targeted hoping for rising (but not warm) water temps.