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Good boots with studs are the most important piece of equipment for personal safety. Falling can ruin a fishing trip, and, more seriously, you can wind up in a life threatening situation. Hypothermia is a serious concern if you take a swim on a cold winter day and an injury from a fall in a remote location is another very serious concern. Spend the money on good footwear with quality studs.

I use the simms rivershed boot. I like the rubber edge around the bottom half of the boot from heel to toe. It gives good protection from stubbing your toes on rocks and protects the boots from getting ripped up over time. I put the orvis posi-grip studs (the ones pictured above in the Orvisdownington post) in the soles of these boots and they have provided excellent traction.

I've had these boots/studs since 2010 and wear them all year (with neoprene wet wading socks in the summer). I have been very happy with their performance and durability. I have had to replace the laces on the boots, and one of the four little carbide spikes broke off of one of the studs, otherwise these products have held up very, very well. These boots have been used hard. I fish 100+ days each year and cover a lot of water when I fish. They've been used in some of the toughest terrain from Idaho to Central Pennsylvania.