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With the low water this year the diatoms are pretty heavy and I have heard complaints of white residue from streams all over. In one sense they are native and normal. However, their growth can be spurred by phosphorus and a excessive amount of the white diatom residue can be a sign of a high phosphorus load. Lawn fertilizer run-off, sewage treatment plant effluent, and goose crap are big contributors to phosphorus loads on the streams I am most familiar with.