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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 an 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.