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Per Streamerguy's previous post and Boychick's advice, I decided to go down to the Shenango below the dam and try my luck on dries. Went from about 4 to 8:30. Only 2 gates open so the water was pretty low. Didn't get a temp but the water was a little warm when I put my hand in. Got a couple bluegills on a zebra midge while slinging it below an elk hair caddis. I then went exclusively to the caddis only. Most of the action was in the shadows, and I managed to get 2 browns and one rainbow right underneath the downed tree downstream from the dam. it wasn't easy though because it was difficult to get a good hook set without the possibility of getting hung up in the low hanging branches, and most of the rises were right along the log. Right around 7:30 the caddis hatch was in full force and trout were rising everywhere. I switched to a lighter colored caribou caddis and netted 3 more rainbows in the slow pools right below the damn. Not only was it a great evening of fishing, it was great to take advantage of a stream/river that has an abundant hatch to get good practice using dries. I will definitely be going back again soon.