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Just got back from spending a week in God's Country. I got to fly fish every morning before my family got up and every afternoon while my daughters were taking naps.

Pine Creek-DHALO section-water warm already 70 degrees, but the smallies are hitting hard. Fished at the Darling Run access. Fished it in Gaines the same night and the water temps were much better with trout rising and a gray caddis of some kind hatching.

Lyman Run-WBTE-Fished it 3 or 4 times in different stretches during the week. The lower stretches by the lake appear to be littered with brownies, while everything upstream of Thompson Rd is mostly brookies. Water was very cool, it rained most of the week but the stream never muddied up or blew out of its banks.

West Branch Pine-I had an epic morning on Wed. on a stretch below where Brad from Potter took us at the QG Summit. The rain let off, the sun came out, and the brookies were hammering my royal wulff. Water was slightly off color and cold. Didn't even bother w/ water temps on the small streams because it was clear they were plenty cold.

Kettle Creek WBTE-Fished it on Thursday. Rain was coming down in buckets, the water was borderline muddy, and it was raging. Very tough wading. Only fished the first mile of the 28 miles of WBTE waters and only picked up one brookie. Spent most of the time wiping rain off my glasses and trying not to fall on my arse.

Genesee Fork-Access was tough, but the water was in good condition. Fished a small stretch where it empties into Pine and picked up a few brownies. Again, it was raining but the stream was of good color and well within its banks.

Mill Creek-Fished behind the Country Club as well as the bridge at 44 upstream behind Gary's Put-Put Mini Golf. Once again, despite rain, the flow was perfect, water was slightly off color, and trout were rising.

There were a few other small streams that I fished. I caught a lot of fish, 100% on dry flies, never had to go sub surface. If you're headed to Potter and Tioga, fish the small streams! The flows across the county appears to be perfect right now! Don't waste your time w/ the DHALO section of Pine...probably everything from the canyon downstream is too warm-unless you want to target smallies.