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Gear:

Yep, I agree with everyone. My first year I used a 5wt exclusively. Caught plenty of 5-10lb fish without a problem. I purchased a 10' 7wt last year. While I think catching big fish on a 5wt is a thrill in itself, the bigger rod is just more productive. I could care less about breaking strength, because its a very rare day that im fishing heavier than 3x on the tribs. The true advantage of the 10' 7wt over the 9' 5wt is drift(obviously), but without a doubt casting. No false casting a heavy tandem+indicator rig on the 5wt, just pick the line up and put it back down with the 7wt. I have SA's indicator line on my 7wt. Big fan.

Flies:

Yeah, pcray's advice is standard stuff. I dont find them to be particularly picky. Its more about positioning yourself in a solid holding lie to fish over unmolested fish. A good example of this is the cascade pool on Elk. They jam up like crazy at the tail of that pool, and if you are 50' upstream of their holding lie, your fly is never getting close to the fish. Guys will pound them all day and be within spitting distance of you, while you get maybe one stray. Timing and positioning over flies.