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3wt7x, what a great report! The excitement of seeing the Rocky Mountain West for the first time really comes through.

ewall, having fly fished 7 of the western states, and having lived in Oregon for several years, my opinion is that mid-July through mid-September is prime time for fly fishing the west. Troy is right about run-off in early July. The fishing is usually great right after the rivers begin to clear from snowmelt, but that date is highly variable. It is generally earlier in the southern-most states like Colorado and New Mexico. In fact, this year the streams in Colorado were in great shape by the end of June despite a heavy snowpack. If I were planning a trip to Montana I would not schedule it prior to mid-July.

I wouldn't be concerned with the crowds in July and August. The flyfishers are there because the fishing is just incredible. The country is so big that I never have trouble finding a section or an entire stream to have by myself for the entire day. Even in popular spots the crowds there are nothing at all compared to those on Penns for the Green Drake or on the Breeches for the Whitefly.

Keep in mind the western states are all at least twice the size of PA, so pick a region of one state and just go for it!