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Anyone who believes didymo isn't spread by anglers is kidding themselves. Nobody took their drift boat / canoe to new zealand, and birds don't migrate there from the continental US. They didn't ban felt soles on a whim. Studies showed that it can survive in felt wading boots for MONTHS out of the water.

That said, the damage is done, and I will be very surprised if didymo becomes an issue on Pine Creek. It isn't a tailwater, gets fairly warm, and routinely has bottom scouring floods.

Didymo also doesn't do well in spring creeks, so central PA should be fine. There was a recent study linking blooms to phosphorus levels, I believe, so they may be able to control it somewhat based on that. We'll see.