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As for my favorite, I'd have to say Elk, just because it's so long. If I have to fish when things are low and clear, I usually go to Elk, as it's the biggest, and somewhere upstream where I can outwalk most of the pressure. Fishing isn't good when things are low and clear, but that's probably the best bet of them.

But I have to disagree with those who said to focus on it. You don't focus on any of them. Steelhead is very much a play it by ear and decide in the morning thing. Have maps of the tribs, including access points, and know the spots that are posted.

Fishing is best after a rain event that brings the streams up. A new run comes in, and even the older fish get active and on the move. Right as it's falling and becoming fishable is when you want to be there. Brown = bad. Greenish brown = ok. Brownish green = good. Green - ok. Clear = bad. Luckily, each stream falls at a different rate, which you can judge mostly by their watershed area. So the day after the rain, the smaller streams turn on. 2 days after, the medium streams turn on. 3 days after, the big streams turn on. (different of course, depending on the size of the rain, but you get the idea).

You don't choose a place to go weeks in advance, and then go. You go where the conditions tell you to go. All fishing is like that, but it's especially true with steelhead.