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Fished the fly project on Yellow Creek today. Arrived at daybreak and fished until 11:30. Water temps was 59 at first light. Water was fairly low and very clear. Started with a hopper and pheasant tail dropper. No takes on the dropper but the hopper and other terrestrials were killing it all day. Ended with 17 with a lot of missed opportunities.

It's no secret that Yellow Creek has a large population of wild browns. It's also stocked, which is being contested by many. A few months ago, the Yellow Creek Coalition took a survey to see what people thought about stocking the stream. I haven't heard results, but assume most everybody would want the stocking to stop and the natural reproduction to take over.

One thing caught me by surprise there today. Most outings, I catch a mix of stocked rainbows and wild browns. Usually about 50/50. Today, out of 17 fish, only one was a brown. The first pool I fished, I could see 2 rainbows over 18 inches and at least 10 more that were 12-15. Never seen them in there like that before. Odd that this pool is now infested with them. I caught 14 of the 16 rainbows in that one pool that is probably only 150 yards long. They were doing an electro shock survey of the stream not too long ago. I'd like to see the results of that.