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I wanted to cut back what I carry, so I decided to try a chest pack. Got the Fishpond Tumbleweed and although I really like it, I just couldn't cut back that far and feel comfortable on the stream. So I went back to my vest and found that I had too many empty pockets after my reduction efforts, so I needed something in the middle. With that in mind, I decided to give the Umpaqua Overlook 500 a shot. For those who have said they can't give up their vest, you might want to look at this chest pack. It will carry all I need and still not be heavy. The shoulder straps take the weigh off your neck and the pocket arrangement gives you more then enough places to stick "STUFF". It even has two built in, barbless hook, drying patches. The back has a pocket and hook for a net. I found that you need to put a wading jacket back there to balance the pack on the front. the hook for the net is lower, just below mid back, so using a cord/magnet set up, you can grab and return the net with ease. The very best part is when you bend over the net does not swing around and hit you in the head. 😊

From all I have read here, it will be too big for some, but might be the ticket for others.