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LeTort Spring Run 10/15/13. It's really looking like fall now, and I've been stocking up on streamers as well as trying some new ones. My Orvis package arrived with a few new Motos Minnows that I've read many good reviews about in light gray and brown. As I arrived at the upper LeTort I quickly noticed that the water levels were up but clear. I tied my Moto Minnow to a 10 foot leader tapered to 4x, and started at the top of Quarry Meadow and worked my way downstream. The meadow was a bit flooded more than usual and I took advantage of the high water to test my new streamer. I casted the fly in to the water to see how it looked, and it looked great like all the other Maribous, but the colors and form were very exact to a real minnow. I really took my time today, and just fished the deeper likely areas that a big ol Brown would be up to no good in. Right along the near bank I gave a few twitches and moments later a nice 12-13 inch brown was released and one missed in the Quarry. On my way back up to Bonnybrook parking lot, I tried the streamer where the left branch meets the right branch and was rewarded with 1 more 9" brown and missed one. After a nice walk up through Tregos meadow, I was off to fish the lower LeTort. I kept my streamer setup on with the Moto minnow and walked far upstream from the sport emporium, and again started stripping and swinging my streamer in the high water downstream which produced 3 more wild browns of about 12-13" each, plus one taken on a Shenk white minnow Sz 12. Before getting on the turnpike I thought I would check out the mouth of the LeTort where it flows into the condoguinet, (I've never felt the need to fish in this section), and saw about 5 bait fisherman trying to catch and keep those legendary letort wild browns. The falls were nice though, and I saw a hatch of tan caddis and little olives that could of put the Little J up for a run for its money. They were everywhere coming off the condoguinet and flying upstream of the letort, however I saw no rising fish and was only just watching, I've not seen such a concentrated hatch like that in awhile.