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When I ordered my TALS 600 system, I figured I'd have to wait until spring to test drive it, since an early snowfall already had topped the mountains in the east of town, and even dusted the bottoms with an inch or so. But, things stabilized, the snow retreated above 1500', and I got to take the TALS to a couple of streams. So far, I'm pretty impressed.

It's light, and it's compact enough that it doesn't impede casting or other movement – including sneaking/crashing through brush. It doesn't hold anywhere near as much as my Simms waist pack, but it carries plenty for an average day of fishing. The dry fly tubes each hold a couple dozen flies and have lots of room above the hook – so hackle doesn't get crushed. I can get at my dries and nymphs pretty easily – especially if I use forceps to remove and replace them (which I usually do anyway). I tend to fish a lot of big streamer-type patterns, including “mouse” flies, so I'll probably order another couple of streamer tubes. I like the flip-down workspace, with elastic for basic streamside tools; I've never had one before, and it's pretty handy. Will probably be even handier in my float tube, come next spring. There's room for a small fly box, a couple spools of tippet, some floatant, and a few tools in the front pouch.

My dad hasn't used his yet, but I bet I he's gonna be real happy, too.

This probably won't last as long as my Simms, or some of the other high-end waist/chest packs, but for the price, I think it's a going to be a very good investment.