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I just recently started trout fly fishing again, last time was in 1998 (another topic). I started fishing for trout on a stream section on my family's property when I was ~8 yrs old. I fish differently then most that I read about on forums. I seek the same results though.

I have a question for all, and to fly fishing manufacturers more so. What is up with the foam/wool pads on the vest/ chest paks? Seems to be for nothing more then for me to lose flies, so I buy new ones. Most streams I fish, I walk along the edge, to find a suitable spot to hit. If I see another angler, I go into the brush to give peace to the angler. I walk along deer paths and pricklers. There have been trips that I have lost \$20 worth of wet, as in wet, dripping flies, hanging on a patch, that is on a vest or chest pack. I would like to see an option for a container that I can just put flies into that I have used during the trip. I currently use a old pill bottle that has 1/32" holes drilled into it. Something like this would be so much better to add then a patch, some sort of enclosed container to keep wet flies (as in dripping) contained. A little plastic box kinda thing. I try a fly for a bit, then move on to another, when one works, I stick with it. I do not need a patch. It seems to me to be a wasted option.

Second issue I have with these items is tippet dispensers. When I go fishing, I have searched out and understand what each area I plan to go fishing at has to offer. I carry two sizes of tippet. If I did not understand where I was fishing, I would hire a guide to assist me. If I do not and want to carry 6 roles of tippet, I Should Hire someone to help me out (fly shop or guide). Make room for other options or less size. I think I would rather just see larger pockets to allow for for me to choose what to put in them.

I can understand maufacteruers(and local manufacturers) needing to fit their gear into something, but think about the guy trugging through the deer paths first. ( I would guess guys going through deer paths are probably not the money spenders though :)). The chest pack I have is a small one but it still seems to have wasted/worthless space on it. Tight lines all and thank you for reading my rant.