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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 prickers. 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.