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Re: Why some people should not fish during the fall

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Whoops! I didn't realize that I would end up on PAFF for fishing like this!

There are two forms of ignorant - blissful ignorant and malicious ignorant. The former really doesn't know any better and perhaps thinks that all fish come from hatcheries or something. The latter is well aware of what is going on but pretends otherwise. I feel like you did the right thing mentioning that he was standing in a redd - but I think he already knew that. The way he is holding the rod and line looks like he is trying to lift a fish off that redd.

Last year, I saw redds on two small freestoners I fish. On both streams, at one spot, the trail crosses the stream; naturally, the shallow water where the trail crosses also was filled with good spawning gravel and several redds were evident. Hikers not knowing any better most likely walked through them, judging from the lighter colored blotches on the stream bottom, spaced at a human pace apart. However, at the tail end of one pool, where no self-respecting hiker would have any reason to cross, it was evident that a fisherperson had waded through the gravel at the tail of the pool and right through a redd. I believe this fisherperson may have been blissfully ignorant, but it still kind of annoyed me. Hikers aren't thinking about fish or the time they spawn, but fisherpeople should at least be aware of it.

By the way, that wasn't me. I may end up on PAFF sometime, bending a tree down to retrieve a fly, or something, but it won't be for snagging a fish or traipsing through a redd.