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Tim,

I recently purchased the Cabela's Lightweight Felt wading boots on your recommendation. I bought the wide size. They fit and feel great! They are the first pair of boots I found that are wide enough for me to layer heavy socks for the winter, without having to go to a size or two larger. No more looking like Ronald MacDonald on the stream. If they hold up as good as you say, they deserve two thumbs up!

I agree with other posters that felt soled boots are superior to other types for safety. I've tried studded boots, but gave away the pair I bought. I couldn't get past the unbelievable amount of scraping noise they made when walking over rocks on dry land. I could only imagine what that sound was like to the fish, since sound is amplified in water. I suppose in a big river it wouldn't hurt too much, but I spend a lot of time fishing small streams and trying to sneak up on fish.

For now – for me, I'll keep the felts and carefully clean and dry them along with my other equipment. When/if a new type of sole is developed that works as well felt, I will consider buying them.