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Re: Intrepreting stream flow numbers

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I been watching and using the USGS data for a long time. It can be useful but I agree with what everyone else has said regarding it takes some time to be able to internalize the data into something meaningful.

For the rivers I fish, I know at what point I can or can't wade. If you are just getting started, it may be helpful to keep a log every time you visit a river. Record you observations (river was pretty low) along with the data from the USGS site. You'll soon figure out some benchmark values to which you can readily relate.

There is a short cut, some fly shops give stream condition reports and reference the USGS data. Often times they will provide guidelines along with the report, i.e. river is unwadable over xyz.

I think it is worth the time to invest, particularly if you have a couple hour drive to your favorite fishing hole. The data can help you decide if it will be worth the trip.

have fun,