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I think foam beetles are among the most versatile and effective trout flies. Most of the ones I use are roughly a quarter inch in length, esp for pressured trout. I have an "attractor beetle" that I consider among my go-to flies for mountain brookies. Many folks like a large, visible, dry fly like a Royal Wulff or similar, conventional dry for brookies. With a foam beetle, I get as many rises without the hassle of messy floatants or repetitive false casting. I like a bright colored foam, bright green works well, with orange rubber legs for this beetle. Sizes of about half an inch seems to work best.