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I think tell all books are great. I do, however, differentiate them from "tell one" pieces, which are often little more than advertisements.

So basically, if a magazine does a 3 page article on stream X, proclaims it the best fishing in a 100 mile radius, and shows pictures of unrealistic hogs, and then adds addresses of local motels, fly shops, guides, etc., thats bad.

Its also bad to say stream X currently has a lot of big fish in the X-Y stretch and they're hitting sulfur spinners from 7-8 p.m.

But if a guy writes a book about 500 streams in an area and gives a "just the facts" analysis, thats not bad.

The difference is whether your spreading fishing pressure out, which is good IMO, or concentrating it, which is bad. Its good if more people know about the awesome number of great streams in this state, it makes us try new places, and come to appreciate and fight for streams other than the 2 or 3 we frequent most, and push for management decisions that are good for the state rather than just our stream.

So its not good, even on a message board, to spout out about some completely underlooked stream. But it would be ok to mention that stream along with 50 other streams in the region.