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I think they are useful and for those new to the area indispensable. However, the authors of the PA books have used pretty good judgement in that they do NOT tell all. They focus on Special regs streams and selected stocked streams, as well as some of the Class A's.

I think if you were to ask them they would say that under no circumstances should a special, lightly fished wild trout stream that is out of the limelight be given additional attention by citing it in print or on the internet. The main exception to that is if it comes under environmental threat and public action is needed.

They worry that such a stream would be ripe for picking by the pay for play outfits, or that the sudden increase in activity will get an owner concerned about all the traffic and post it.

"I have one favorite stream where I've never seen another fly-fisher in five years," Meck wrote in one of his books. He did NOT name the stream. Good for him.

I think they handle this just about right and do not consider them "kiss and tell", so I voted "Good."

Of the ones available, Landis has the format that is most useful.