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I just spent a half day fishing in Colorado with a guide nymph fishing and it was indicator fishing with three flies. The one on the bottom was an emerger. What the guide stressed to me was after the roll cast to get the mend in the line just right.

This was my third time fishing with nymphs, and all with guides. The indicator was a tremendous help getting my drift just right with both the upstream and downstream mend. I would have been just guessing without an indicator. It really helped me fish for trout that see a lot of angling pressure.

The strategy was to get the drift just right and at the end of the drift let the emerger emerge to the top. Easier said than done, but it worked.

I need to improve my casting too but am now jumping into fly fishing with both feet and am determined to get better. Maybe some day I will learn enough to nymph without indicators but I know that I won't be ready on my 4th time all by myself without a guide.