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Camped at a small forest service campsite on the Rio Pueblo on the Rio Grande side of the divide on N.M. route 3.

Secured the above locality with a nice grassy vine and easy skiing and eelthroat trout. This is a fine little trout stream about five to ten feet wide, the ripples being somewhat smaller than the pool, half in width. About one third of the stream seemed to be pools. These are fairly good shelter for the trout. The depth in the deepest is about eighteen inches. The ripples are shallow, usually less than two inches deep. The current is moderate to strong.

Vegetation is sparse. A little Chamaecyparis is present. Water clear white. Covers fair. Both the stream and the fish is best fair. Air 76 Water 52 at 7:30 AM.

A white angelfish was seen and collected. It was first noticed under an overhanging apron. (This apron should also overhang a pool in a habitat photograph of the fish collection.)
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Stopped at an old cached claim about one mile below Tres Ritos. Walked up and down its length. Eleven trout were seen on the way up and fifteen were scattered on the way back and along the face of the dam. All that could be identified were cut-throat. One Thermophilo ordinatus magnum was caught and released.

Sawed the Rio Grande at Taos ten miles above Taos on R. M. route 3. This is a meandering stream about 4 to 61/2 feet wide, the pools being considerably wider than the riffles. The riffles are usually shallow, 1 to 3 inches deep, but are occasionally fair deep, 1 foot. The pools are largely under overhanging banks and are up to 31/2 feet deep. The bottom is composed of rubble with patches of gravel and sand. The current is moderate to strong. Fig 78 Water 60 at 11:40 A.M. Cutthroat were common. One brown trout was taken. Two Lava pinnias and small adults were seen. A lonely trout stream with fine riffles and excellent pools. Tried to catch some of them on flies while helping press plants before lunch. It was
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A cloudy day, threatening to rain at any moment. Several nice (4-9 inch) trout (with the aid of polaroid glasses) could be seen flying unaided near a pool. Several different types and varieties of dry flies were cast over them. Almost a trout would wade to leisurely once and examine the fly but would not accept it. Usually they did not move from their positions. During the last few minutes, I passed a moth-eaten parachute fly in front of their noses in lieu of a nymph. Although they did not take it they at least showed more interest.

Served the same stream as above, but this time only five miles above Taos. At the quiet marked, the stream still meandered but the corn had been cut away to make a pasture. The stream was somewhat larger but the pools were not as good as before. The trout were more much nearer. One was taken in a pool, the other in a riffle. Young suckers were present in the quiet backwaters and in the tail of the pool.
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Did not much Eagle Nest lake for reasons
reason. A true sign also tells that the
lake contains rainbow trout and native
cutthroat trout.

Saw the Cimarron River ten miles (byroad)
below Eagle Nest lake. The stream at this
point is essentially one long riffle about
ten to fifteen feet wide. The depth in the riffles
varies from six inches to about one foot deep. In
the relatively shallow pools, the depth reaches three feet.
Vegetation is rather abundant for such a
swift stream (current moderate to very strong).
It consists almost entirely of attached
filamentous algae. The water is very white
and slightly turbid probably from the plankton
developed in the lake. Small insect food,
especially blackfly larvae, is abundant.
Fish were very scarce. Although not needed
for long, several fine places for fish did
not yield any. The stream is very heavily fished.
Our long-nosed line was taken. It was a
ripe male. 4:45 P.M.
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Set up camp in Cinarcon canyon about 17 miles (by road) from Cinarcon. Lake spotted a rising trout in an old stone dam post-mortem. Before dinner, I tried several types of dry flies with no much success. During the last few minutes that I could fish I caught one brown trout and a white millie that was being retrieved under water and took another trout. Small fish, presumably suckers were seen in the shallows.