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 Denied the Rio Pueblo about one mile above the town of Rio Pueblo.

A good-sized stream about 60 feet wide and 10-12 inches deep in the channel. The bottom is of coarse rubble and boulders. The current moderate to strong, mostly strong. Vegetation rather than a little algae. Pools seem to be a limiting factor here. Most of the stream paralleled by the road is riffle. Those pools present are small but good. Will stream low but rising due to recent rains. Fish a little better than poor, mostly small species. One difficulty seems to be that the stones are firmly embedded and allow very little room underneath for insects. At this point the stream flows through mountains covered with yellow Pine. At Two Pines, upstream, it is in quires. Gradient moderate. Spring? (may be rain water) and deciduous will along. Fished about 1 1/2 hours with little success. Deep pools could not be probed alone. 7:50 W50 "PMST. Cloudy.

Wade a rain last night in that turned to snow. We had very little here but the peaks are white. This morning we had a half inch of rain.
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Talked with Archie Balande of the Forest Service today. According to him:

Eels occurred commonly in the Rio Grande as far upstream as Pilar prior to World War II.

Prior to World War II, the Rio Grande was primarily a cutthroat trout stream with a few rainbows present. After several years after the rainbows became more abundant, the C.T. was reared. Still later, during the last 10 years, the stream has been taken once by browns. C.T. are practically absent and rainbows far in numbers. Bucks became frequent with the advent of the rainbows.

Common cutthrums (Eagle Nest Deeks) first noted about ten years ago.

Rio La Junta once used to float trees downstream. As a result, became a straight gravel channel subject to severe floods as much of the banks protecting brush and trees had been removed. Nine reeves were introduced into the canyon in 1933. They became established. Stream improvements placed in depression. Willows planted at the same time. Stream has improved considerably since in the last ten years.
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Improvements were also placed in the Rio Faal Pueblo at the same time. They were not completed until the following spring.

Trampas Lakes are 12-13 feet deep except the one with an outfall at the east end of Coamal which is 17.

The upper part of the Trampas River or \\
above the entrance of the Rio San Leonardo, was \\
without trout before they were planted above. Two small \\
small falls and rapids are present a short distance \\
above the entry of this stream.

Beaver were also placed in Agua Piedra and \\
Argentina creeks in 1933.