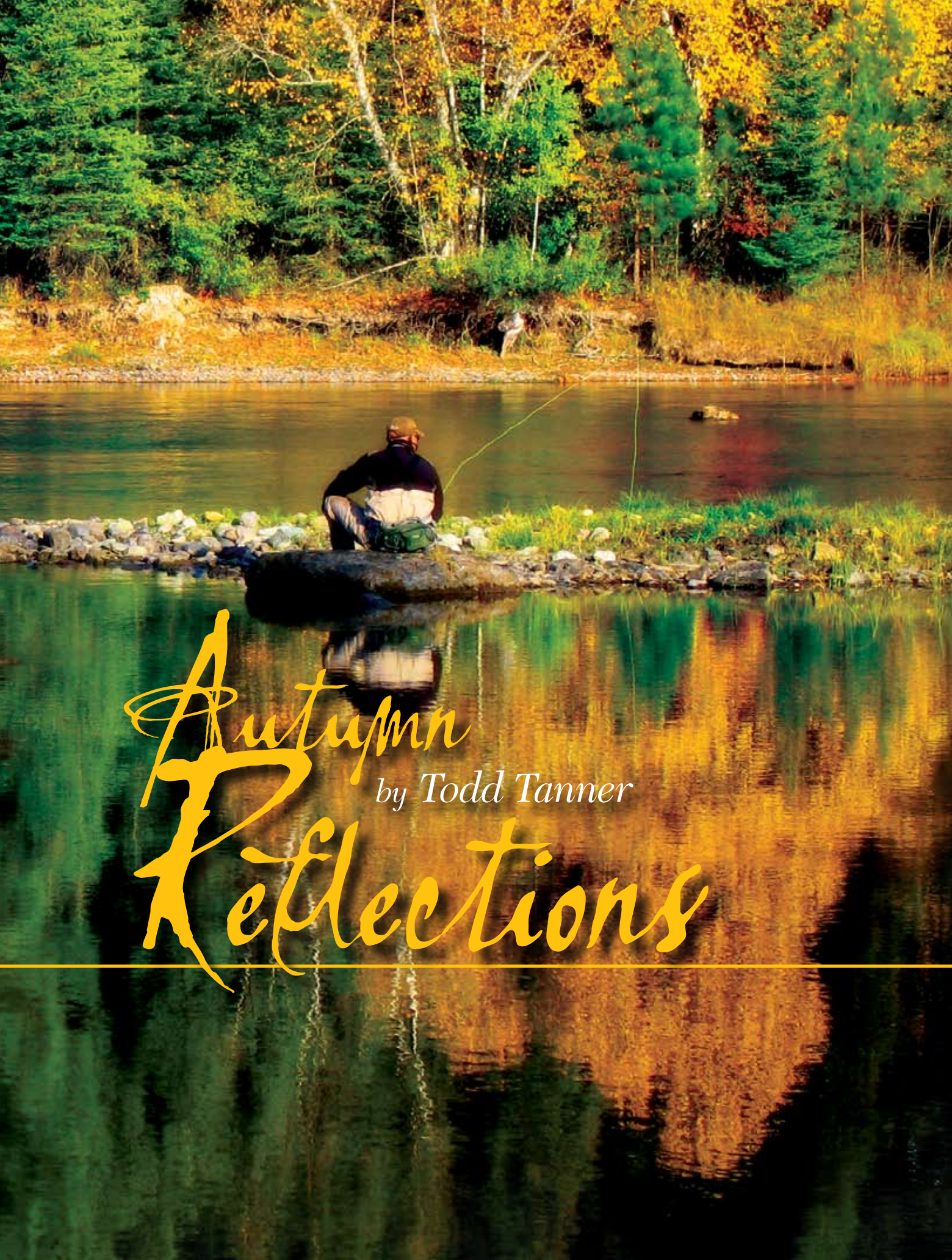




# The trees

*start to turn in September, when the nights grow cooler and the elk begin to bugle. It's hard to resist the call of a new hunting season in the Rockies, but if you can step back from your bird dogs and your bow for just a day or two, you'll find some of the best fishing of the year - along with some of the prettiest scenery on the continent.*



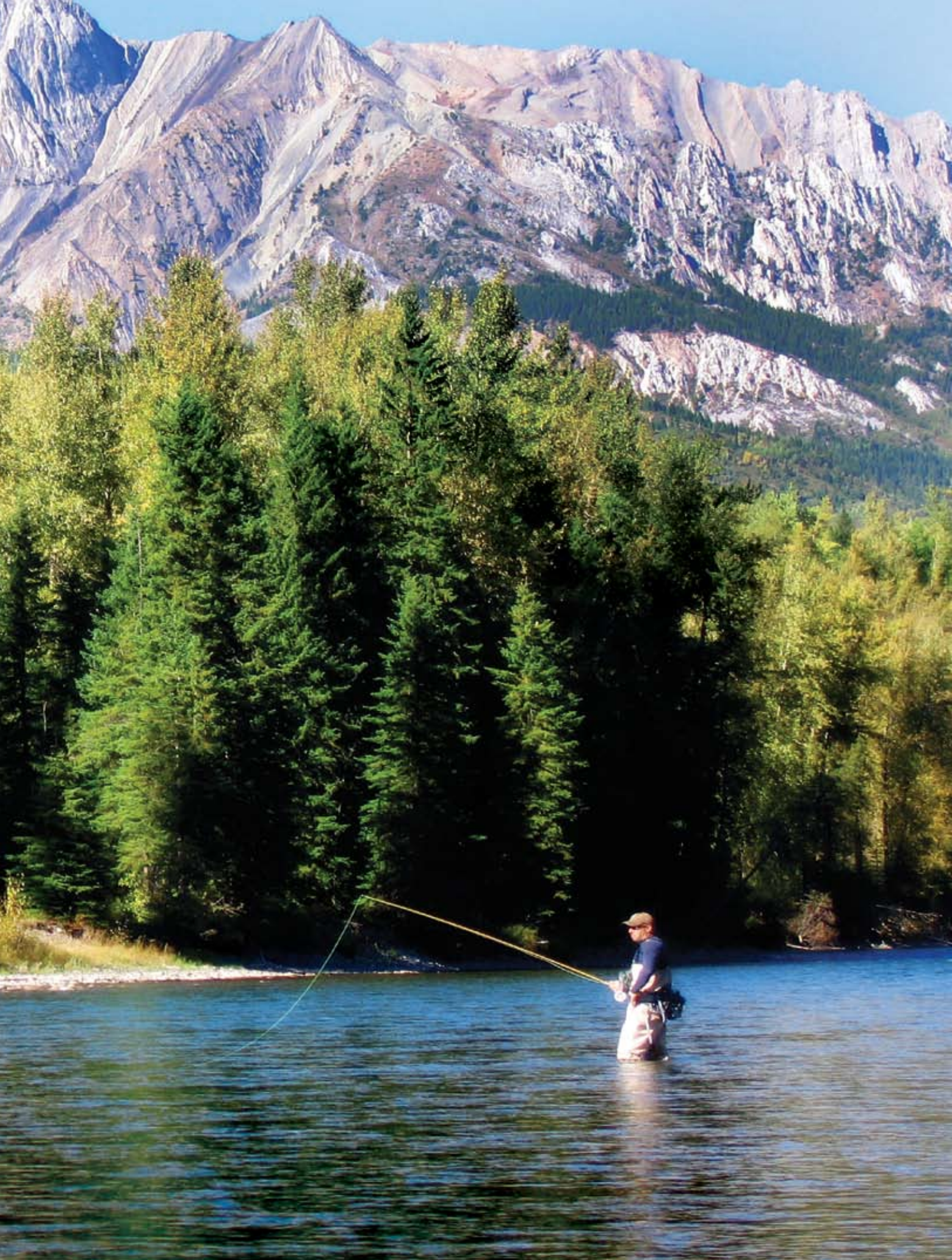
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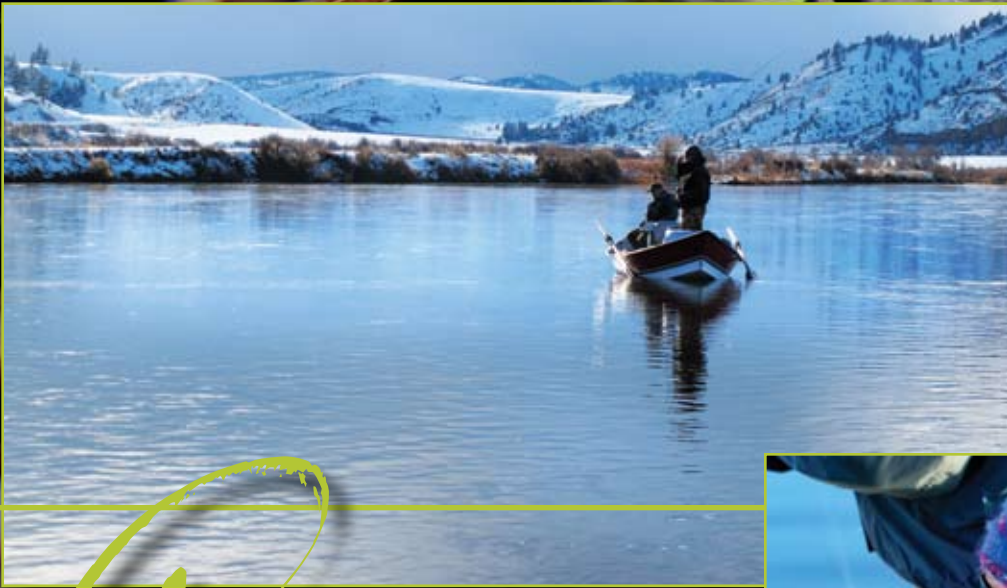
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A handful of the most intriguing rivers are north of the border, where the trout chase skittering, oversized October Caddis and key on sunny-day ants and grasshoppers. If you take the time to stop and look around, you may well spot a handsome Westslope Cutthroat rising in the quiet water against the bank.







# Dig

tailwaters like the Missouri really start to shine in September and October. The cooler temperatures and the occasional skiff of snow thin out the summer crowds, yet the blue winged olive hatches stay strong and the trout begin to feed with abandon. Just remember to dress warm enough for the chilly days.

