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I already do quite a bit of high sticking, but using an indicator I can get away with slack in the line. I also think along with a shorter leader (I typically use 9-12 ft leaders now) I will need to shorten my casting. Sometimes I like to throw out 40 ft casts upstream and drift until the fly gets back to me. I do this simply because I can get a real long drift through one promising area, and if nothing takes I move on. It helps me cover more ground on unfamiliar streams. Once the nymph gets in range, I'll high stick directly over it, but before that my stick is "high" but I'm not really high sticking. I'm more just keeping it elevated to help with mending and keeping enough slack on the line so that I'm not creating drag.

I think that if I shorten my cast to only cover the area where I actually high stick, it will help. However, I still like throwing out those 40 ft casts, especially if I'm on a wild stream, cause I'll stand less chance of spooking fish. In that case, I can keep my stick high, but not really high stick. This is where I think Czech nymphing would come into play.

Your thoughts?