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I use a 7.5 foot Rio leader (3x) and if streamer fishing add a 2 foot 4x tippet; if nymph fishing I cut the 4x section to 12" and add a 3 - 3.5 foot 5x tippet; and if dry fly fishing I generally tie a 4 foot section of either 5x or 6x directly to the 4x section giving me about an 11 foot leader. If I really have to go to a smaller tippet because of fly size I'll cut back the 5x/6x section to 12" and then add 3 – 3.5 feet of 7x or 8x and if I really need a long and light leader I will start with a 9 foot Rio leader (2x) and build out to 15 – 18 feet.

As for drag, most of the time when you're nymph fishing you're fishing the tippet only. You should be targeting specific small sections of water and not trying to cover as much water as possible. You'll have much more success fishing a 100 foot section of stream by fishing it in twenty 5 foot sections than five 20 foot sections.