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Re: Would I be happy with a switch rod???

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totally agree.

On my switch and two handed rods I use Rio AFS lines. They are spey style lines that are intended to be spey cast, but because they are short and heavy they can be cast overhead too.

I have found in my experience with spey and switch rods that a line for overhead casting tends to be lighter than the line used for speycasting. For example my 5/6 rod I use a 340 grain AFS line for spey or crossover ( switch from overhead to speycast) casting. And a 7 wt 275 grain Rio Outbound for mainly overhead work.

If you look at the head profile you see that the mass of the weight on the Outbound is in the front and in the back of the head on the AFS line.

The different in line weight is because in overhead casting the whole head beyond the rod tip loads the rod and with a spey cast only the arialized portion of line between the rod tip and anchor loads the rod. Check out Rio's link below it is a good explanation of different lines and casting style.

<http://www.rioproducts.com/photos/fil ... 20Spey%20lines%202010.pdf>

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