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Jon,

If you are going to Cabelas on Friday, look on the website before you leave. If you see any deal or something in the bargain cave link, print it out. They will price match in the store if they have the item or order it for you. The website price and store price are very different. I got the Watershed for $99 and it was $199 in store. Website was running a special. I'm really pleased with the reel. If I were going to spend 150 for a Watershed or a Rhythm, I'd get the Rhythm just for the warranty.

The Evolution is an sweet reel. They claim to be the lightest in the class. I have the older models and there are some differences between those and the LT's. The LT model has all metal parts where the older ones had plastic drag knob and spool release. Since th porting is done differently, it's actually cheaper than the previous models. Biker is also right on drag... if you aren't fishing light tippets and big fish that willl make runs, the drag isn't going to help you that much. You hook a steelie on your 5 wt, you'll wish that you had a reel with a great drag system.

I don't like the lamson reels because it's spool is more or less a compression fitting. Not that it will pop off but I just don't like that idea. I also believe that they are cast and not milled from a solid piece of metal. That's a huge difference in durability. Most Lamsons I've see (that have been used frequently) looked like they'd been through a war.

Check out that Reddington Rise and Loomis Eastfork when you're there. It'll be like finding the right woman..... you'll know it's "the one" as soon as you lay eyes on her.

I know a guide in Idaho and picked his brain over the winter because, like you, I was on a mission to get the best reel that I could afford. He said "If I were being flown into a remote region for a fishing trip and would have no contact for 14 days, the reel I'd want with me is a Bauer. Never seen one fail or ever had to return one. Second pick would be a tie between a Ross Evolution Galvan OB. Both are simple, solid and proven to last."

Well, the Bauer and Galvan reels are $350 and up. Like I said before, I got 2 Evolutions for close to $150 each on ebay and I think they were super good buys on my part. Take your time when choosing.