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Spend your money as you like everyone. If having a more expensive, more advanced drag system on a reel gives you more confidence while fishing, then by all means spend the extra money...that said I have a hard time believing a 20" Trout (even one from the mighty D) will render the drag system on a less expensive reel completely useless. Granted I've never fished the D, nonetheless hooked into one of its monsters, but I can't imagine a 20 inch Trout giving you a much harder time than an 18" Smallmouth. My most expensive reel cost \$60, and I've landed many large Smallmouth in large streams/rivers on my reels...and I was playing these fish on the reel with the drag engaged. These fish could take line if they wanted, but weren't exactly setting the reel on fire. They'd run for a little, you'd bring em' back, and the process would repeat until you got them under control. Yeah if you let them get too far downstream of you that's a problem, but that's the fun and challenge in fighting/controlling a bigger fish. Yes, I've lost fish, and broke fish off that I wish I didn't, but it never has been the reel's fault.