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Re: Furled leaders

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LongLineRelease wrote:

1. What are most of you using for the front end of the leader? Are you just putting straight tippet on the connection or do you build a tapered front end? I have been tapering mine mostly.

Depends on Application and length of tippet. If i'm tossing a bugger on a brookie stream I'll just tie on a stright hcunk of 3x or maybe 4x regardless of how long of a tippet I use. When fishing dries, particularly smaller ones I step down the tippet. For instance i'll use 2feet of 4x and then 2 feet of 6x, making adjustments to those lengths depending on how much slack I want in the tippet during the drift.

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2. For those of you who don't like to use them nymphing, do you feel they are worse than a conventional tapered leader?

As I mentioned to earlier, on small streams or shallow water situation the furled leader works OK. But anything deeper than a couple feet and you really are making it work rather than using the best tool of rthe job. The furled leader has a wind sock quality to it and once sunken is also more difficult to lift from the water. I think any situation in which more than the first foot or so of the fulred leader is sunken, is a situation in which a mono leader is a better choice.

To sum it all up; The furled leaders are excellent for dries, emergers, and fishing just under the surface. They also work well for small stream fishing. For deep nymphing and streamer fishing they do not. The behavior of the furled leaders once sunk makes good presentations more difficult and the turnover and casting qualities of the leader are generally not needed in these situations anyway.

Kev