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Swttie:Quote:

Bottom line: X feet of 5wt line weighs more than X feet of 4 wt line. Therefore at shorter distances (up to the distance the rod was rated at), the heavier weight line will load the rod more efficiently. At extremely short distances, 2 or even 3 line weights may be what's needed to load the rod most efficiently.

$F = m * a$

So, yeah, well, there are really two ways to look at it.

Increase the mass of the line (the common route as described), or improve your casting so as to impart a greater acceleration on the given mass of the line to create the force to load the rod.

So when you need to reach out an extra 10 or 15 feet while fishing (an effective upping of the rated line weight beyond the tip), do any of you guys swap out spools to a lighter line weight, in order to make the rod work most 'efficiently' while on stream? If you can't adjust your casting to account for the speed of the rod or the distance you're casting, then a little practice probably wouldn't hurt. If you bought a 4wt and need to load it with a 6, then sorry, you bought yourself the wrong rod for your skillz and there are better options out there for you, thanks for playing, Sage appreciates your business, wait 'til you see next year's line up!!!

As far as the original post...the troutiest rod of them all?

Either an 8<sup>1</sup>/<sub>5</sub>wt or 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>wt in cane, there ain't nothing 'troutier' than those and they will cover all your bases. "It's a poor craftsmen who blames his tools."