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tomi - No, I don't switch spools in that situation...but that's just out of laziness and not wanting to carry a spare spool all day. I'd agree doing so would help with the longer cast and presentation that's needed there. As you mentioned, I just adjust my cast as best I can to throw the longer distance that's needed. It's just that in the small stream fishing I do, those longer casts (say the 30 ft. the rod was rated at, or longer) occur maybe a handful of times per outing. 99% of the other casts I make in a given day on a small stream are under 30 feet. I'd guess 90% are under 20 feet. I'd rather have to adjust my cast to try to compensate for throwing too much mass a handful of times per day on long casts, than adjust my cast for throwing too little mass on nearly every other cast I make during the day. My Brookie rod is a 4wt. If I were to fish it on a larger, more open stream where I was expecting to regularly make 20-30 ft casts all day long, I'd put on my reel with 4wt line.

I get what you're saying, and your physics is sound, but why work harder than you have to? If you're making short casts all day long, overlining the rod will make it work the most efficient at those short distances. For short casts on small streams, both the 4wt and 6wt in your example would be equally inefficient if they were strung with their listed line weights because you'd be working harder (more acceleration) to load them at those short distances.