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I have an inexpensive Cabelas Wind River 9' rod rated for an 8 wt. (WF8F) line. I use this rod exclusively for salmon/steelhead. The 8 wt. line was inexpensive and, in its 3rd year, is showing wear. I never thought it performed as well as it should so I'm considering one of two things: Replacing it with either a 9 wt. WF9F or a 10 wt. WF10F. I have a good quality Orvis Silver Label 10 wt. line that I found in one of my fishing drawers, having forgotten about it. Unknown why I even have it. I don't think that putting a 9 wt. line on this rod would hurt it, in fact it might improve it's action. What about the 10 wt.? I already have it and thus would not have to spend any money to have a new line on my salmon/steelhead kit.

So, for those who know more about this kind of thing than I, what would the effect(s) be of putting the 10 wt. on the rod stated above?