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I recently bought an 11' 6wt. switch after previously thinking about a 7wt. single hander. Most companies switch rods are rated as spey rods, not single handers. My 6wt. has a grain window of 280-375, which would be the equivalent of a 10/11/12 wt single hand rod. The rod is awesome for streamers and can handle anything you'd want to cast to a trout.

I fished the lower D for smallies this morning and it handled several sizes of wooly buggers, beadhead buggers, split shot; at one point I was fishing a 1/0 clouser minnow, casting 50-60' overhead with ease. I could have easily cast further if needed. My spey casting needs a lot of work, but when I hit it right I was reaching out 50' that way too. And despite the grain window of the rod, it didn't feel like I was casting a 10 wt.

I have an old Teton #10 hanging off it.