Subject: : Gear Talk
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Re: Line wt debate
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Fishrich,

GreenWeenie gave you an excellent, accurate, and objective review of many of the high-end rods. I agree 100% that the Sage TXL is more of a specialty lightweight small stream rod. I also agree that in the high-end category try the Sage Z-Axis, Winston BIIx, I would also add the Loomis Streamdance HLS on the faster end. On the medium endand Sage ZXL and Winston BIIt . As GW suggested, some like the Scott line of rods and test cast some Orvis rods too, some guys swear by them. Also as GW said, don't limit yourself only to the high-end rods. All the above rod companies have some great mid-priced lines of rods.

Without considering price, in my hands the Z-Axis fishes well both near and far. Also, the Loomis Streamdance is also up to that task, IMO. The Sage XP has is still available from Cabelas and at Anglers Pro for $150 less than the Z-Axis and ZXL. Before you pluck down 5, 6, or $700 for a fly rod, take your time and test cast as many as possible to find the one that suits you perfectly.

Here is a link to a high-end rod comparison. It gives some good info, but does not replace casting a rod for your own evaluation:

Rod Comparison

Also, as GW said, you may want to look into purchasing a used rod. Good luck