

GENERAL ATTITUDES AND PRACTICES

Beyond the few who have built-in, unchangeable, perceived preferences for one type gun or the other, respondents in all three regions, regardless of being bolt action or lever action users, are pretty much in agreement as far as their general attitudes and orientations to lever and bolt action center fire rifles are concerned.

Lever action center fire rifles are perceived by consumers to be lighter weight, therefore easier to handle, with greater portability and maneuverability:

"I have a Winchester 94 (lever)
and it is lighter than my Murray
Hill bolt action by at least 2 lbs.
I find it easier to handle and use."

"In briars I'd use a lever for
portability."

They are considered walking and stalking guns, best suited for brush hunting and woods because they won't get tangled in the brush as easily. In addition, they are seen as having shorter range capabilities, the result of operating under lower pressure, producing a slower bullet; and as having less latitude for cartridge capacities: