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Guys:

Seems like other groups of folks have been having this very same discussion on other boards. While I would agree with the folks who argue that Sage makes great rods, I'm just not certain how this concept would work. -- Now Scott, as I mentioned earlier, has been producing a model called the "Backwater Special" which seems nearly identical to the Sage product.

Shortness does make sense from a leverage standpoint. A rod like this would place the fulcrum closer to the angler, thereby giving you amazing lifting power, like a shorter saltwater rod. That's just elementary mechanics. However, loading on a rod like this should necessarily mean short and somewhat sloppy delivery. Sure, the power would be there, but I don't conceptually get how you could ease up on the "big fly" you'd be tossing. For largemouths, maybe this is not all that important, but conceivably a really poor presentation could send a smallmouth running for the hills.

Of course with all of that oomph, you could probably lift an overweight tarpon with one of these things.

Again, if I'm on a bass boat, tossing surface bugs inshore, I'd be totally happy with a short delivery rod like this. However, the likelihood of me ever being able to afford a candyapple green Ranger powerboat is remote. Therefore, I'll probably need to rely on rods over 9' for rivers.

Also -- it seems that the Scott Backcountry comes in a two handed version which (at least theoretically) would give a caster more leverage (just like a mini switch rod). The Scott would, therefore, be a better choice.