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I suggest the Access out of sheer personal preference. I like the idea the rod is made in the USA. I like the hardware on the Access better. Most of all, I like the way the Mid-flex 9' casts.

As Pennypack rightfully points out, you don't need to have top of the line gear to enjoy this sport. I did not mean to give the sense that you MUST have the higher quality gear. Also, you're absolutely right about how much the individual factors into the equation. I can hand you a top end rod but if you don't understand how that rod loads and how to properly cast, you are going to have a difficult time.

Now I will say this in closing:

1 - Absolutely go out and cast any rod you may be interested in purchasing. Even see if there is a demo rod you can try. It is by far the most important part of making a good decision when buying a new rod.

2 - In the question of what one rod I would suggest for trout/steelhead use I suggested the one rod I thought would be good for both. Honestly I think you would even be fine with a 9' 6wt Access even for dries. Just my opinion.