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I have a mess of petite sticks in graphite(s), glass, bamboo and boron. The substrate dictates the general feel and utility of the rod, despite large taper design differences. But I'm with pcray, PennKev, Sasq and Chooch on what to use on those small headwaters. Glass comes in 2 flavors: E and S. The E's are more robust and cheaper, and the old Fenwick 605 is a standard. My Scott glasses are more finesse instruments, for midging and Trikes. The E's work better if you are chucking fluffy dries, Muddlers and streamers. That said, my Cabela's 6' 4-5 wt is pretty good (I find the whole line very uneven, with some kind of clunky). Sometime I'm getting the Eagle Claw, since my first fly rod in the '50s was a Sweetheart.

I use my 1, 2 and 3wts for finesse situations, not so much in small stream plunking. But if you are hung on a 2wt for that, go graphite. Bamboo and glass are a lot of work for that situation.

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