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I recently bought a medium-fast, 2-weight 6' Temple Fork Lefty Kreh Signature Series II fly rod to work small, brush choked creeks out here in the West. The rod works great, but I realized that most of my friends who want to come with me to such places simply don't own a short rod of their own and I will also have to outfit my wife if she is to come with me. So, I'm looking at getting a second short rod.

I'm getting the experimental bug to try a different rod and action speed and was curious about an alternative, yet effective, action would be. However, the other part of this purchase is getting a rod that is 3 or 4-piece so it can pack down into a suitcase for restricted travel. The conditions it will be paired with do not allow for a lot of backcasting (none really) and roll/bow and arrow casting is the order of the day. In particular, I've been looking at a 2-weight, 6' St. Croix Imperial (3-piece/fast action) and the 2-weight, 6'2" Redington Butterstick fiberglass (3-piece/slow action).

I'm still very new to this sport and only have a basic understanding of how much of the gear works. Given the conditions I've described, if you were to pick one of the above (or if you have a different suggestion), which would you go with and why?