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My ideal small stream "brush" rod would be a 7 or 7.5 ft 4 or 5 wt, fairly fast action, overlined with maybe 6 wt line.

I typically use a 7.5 ft 4/5 wt with 7 wt line.

When you think about it, overlining isn't really overlining when you're casting such short distances. These rods weren't rated for 5-10 ft of fly line beyond the tip, they were rated for 3 times that much.

I like faster action because tighter loops make it easier to cast through tight windows. i.e. under that branch, or whatever. However, such places have often small fish, and I won't argue that a lighter rod makes the fight feel more substantial. That's why some people like the light rods. Personal preference. I don't fish for these fish for the fight. To each his own.

Longer is better when you have the room. When it gets tight, shorter is easier to maneuver. When it gets REALLY tight, longer gets better again, as bow and arrow becomes the most effective way to fish and longer rods do better at it. I've settled on the 7ish ft range as a nice tweener. But there are times when I wish I had a shorter rod, and times when I wish I had a longer one.