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This coming tax season, I plan on spoiling myself with a rod that I have absolutely no need for. Need is not the point here. As of now, I don't any really pricey gear and simply want to go there for the hell of it with help from Uncle Sam's payback program (read: tax return).

So, here's what I'm generally about on this purchase. Based on the below criteria suggest a rod - manufacturer/model/length/action type - that you would consider in the \$800 range. Know that a Waterworks-Lamson ULA Force SL reel has been purchased for whatever this will be paired with:

-4wt (not negotiable - I don't own one yet, so that's what I'm getting)

-Primarily for dry flies (I'm leaning more toward nice presentation over distance, but it must be vesatile enough to throw smaller wooly buggers and similar streamers)

- Primarily for small/medium water (I don't have a lot of access to really big rivers)

Just for your info, some choices that have crossed my mind:

-Orvis Helios 2, mid flex, 9'.

-Sage Circa, 8'9" (though the more I looks at it, it may be a little TOO dry fly-specialized)

-Winston Traditional, medium action, 9'