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gov'tmule.... not helpful at all. you should keep comments like that to yourself and off the forum since we try to foster a supportive community here.

In an attempt to HELP and answer your question - I fish valley all of the time. 7"6' 3 wt and I typically use HALF of a foam oval stick on indicator, orvis type if I am nymphing. Sometime even a quarter of one.

I have definitely spooked fish with it, usually due to a less than ideal cast or a particularly skittish fish. It has a lot to do with the personality of the fish and they are all different. You'll find the bigger guys are more (really) spooky than the smaller fish- they know what's up. Some will spook really easy, others you could cast to all day.

I would try different indicators out and figure out what works for you. I don't suggest a thingamabobber unless you are fishing bigger water - they just splat too much for a tiny creek like valley. I only go to the bobber if I'm fishing heavy current and heavy flies on bigger water where you have more of a spook buffer.

I've tried new zealand's, dry dropper, foams, you name it. Dry dropper is best IMO, but if you are trying to fish a couple nymphs and no dries I'd say give the foam ones a try. They are my personal go to.

Just rip em in half, or even a quarter if fishing small nymphs that aren't going to sink it (the 1/4). You'll find the full foam is not necessary most of the time and you can get away with less.

To add to this - I would fish a dry dropper 100% of the time if I wasn't throwing two nymphs. Usually when I figure out what nymph they are taking consistently, I'll switch over to the dry dropper with the productive nymph. Only reason I don't fish the dry dropper 100% on valley is having to constantly change the tippet between the dry and the dropper to adjust for the depth of different pools. The stick on you can slide on your leader a few times before it loses it's effectiveness, so I opt for that if there isn't considerable surface feeding.

Hope that helps! Good luck out there.