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The recent Trout magazine has an article titled Relief From Rhododendron on pages 48 and 49. It describes removal of rhododendron in a stream in the National Forest in TE as a form of stream improvement.

What do you think? If removing rhododendron really improves streams, there would be a lot of potential projects in PA.

I've seen many stream sections in PA that are nearly impenetrable because rhododendron has grown the whole way across them.

But is removing the rhododendron a great idea? Would there be possible negative side-effects?

Isn't rhododendron the normal vegetation on those streams? Hasn't it always been there, and the brook trout somehow managed?

Or did some past alteration to the landscape cause all that pesky rhododendron to grow so thick?