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Troutbert,

My view is that typically rhododendron is a partial shade plant growing in an understory so the effects of removing the "canopy" of rhodos would have minimal impact. I would however not recommend removal of the plants root system because of bank stabilization encroachment. But rather to prune them back to allow for improved fishing lanes while maintaining the stabilizing features of the root systems.

Of course they would grow back requiring more pruning later on.

On the other hand, these choked lanes provide terrific predatory obstructions and allow for year class protection and probably improve the dynamic of the biomass. Remove them and you will probably allow for reductions in biomass.

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