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I'd be happy to fish the stream for you and provide advice based on my experience 😊

My opinion is if it isn't broke, don't try to fix it, meaning if it is producing nice brookies as is, find a way to fish around whatever is there. Your attempts at stream improvements might end going the other way. Nothing like opening up some more water, only to find that the herons can now prey on the fish, for instance. I'd definitely leave the log jams intact and let nature take its course there - it may remove some of them at some point but will definitely create more. And brookies love log jams. Rhododendron can be a scourge of fishing those types of small streams, but cutting it down somehow doesn't seem right. I've often found that in the tunnel of rhododendron that forms over a stream, the bottom branches are dead. If you are going to remove anything, maybe pruning out those dead branches might be the way to go, which would open up a little bit more of a casting lane.

Ultimately, it depends if you want to manage the stream for the fish or the fisherpeople.