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Subject

alternatives to pesticides

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Herbicide use is a short term solution with long range negative impacts. As an organic farmer and manager of over 200 acres of sustainable forestland for the past 30 years I have seen alot. I have even used toxic chemicals and watched friends and family die the horrible deaths of cancers caused by them. I was part of the 'hack and squirt' pure 2-4-D on alders on gov't forestland. My brother and partner in the bussiness recently died of toxic chemical poisoning of the mind and body. 'Weeds' add nutrients to the soil when they decompose, Toxic chemicals do not.

If economical uses can be found for these 'Weeds', wildcrafting can keep them in check. Other plants can also be planted in their space. Milk Thistle has economic value and is a powerful plant for taking over other 'weeds'. I use it to take over buttercup. Milk Thistle is easy to kill and adds much nutrients and organic matter to the soil. Please do more experimenting before using toxic chemicals as a solution. More jobs are also needed.

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Thank You!!!! Fred

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