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Re: Proposal to triple herbicide use on public lands.

Prolific weeds may be a problem. I live in Oregon, and I see them, and I remove them from my own land, but, tripling the use of herbicides, when we know that this is not a solution long range is simply not the answer.

We know that this 'poison' filters down into our water supply.

We know that these chemicals are not good to our health in any manner.

1 And we know that if you kill these plants with herbicides and they remain there, they will become fuel for fires. The timber industry wants them removed so that the trees will grow faster.

Possible solutions might be to put some people to work removing the weeds, perhaps when they plant?

Please, do not spend public money on public land for this non-solution; i.e. herbicides on public land in Oregon.

Sincerely,
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