Subject: Re: Follow up on Gathering and Sensitive Areas
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Anna,

Thank you for the discussion today and for this additional context. This is very helpful!

Best Wishes,

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From: Anna Ramthun [redacted]
Date: Monday, November 9, 2026 at 4:19 PM
To: BOND Colton * ODA <Colton.BOND@oda.oregon.gov>
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Hi Colton,

To follow up on my comment on section 603-057-XXXX 3(f). I would like to see some kind of language the references sensitive human populations- children, elders, indigenous groups and

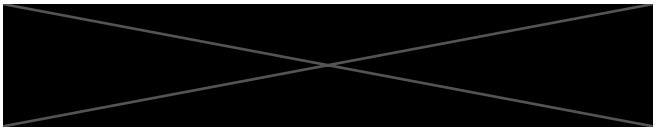
others who may be hunting and gathering, other workers who may be in the area. I have done a fair amount of work in forestry and restoration weed management, and it seems like these are often blind spots for applicators, particularly in the public and more wildland areas (regulatory weeds, forestry, aquatics). Though, I've also had to talk to some of our other departments about contractors making questionable decisions in structural and landscaping areas in areas that are frequently used by children and elders. -Technically legal decisions, but ones where potential human exposure (and public concern) could have been reduced through communication, different timing, considering alternative approaches for areas where kids are often rolling in the grass etc, and some of that is on our side.

In general, it seems like a lot of our cultural practitioners tend to be aware and cautious of potential for pesticide exposure, and in partnerships where our Cultural Resources program is actively working on creating access we often have partnerships and agreements with the associated land managers. However, there are a lot of displaced indigenous folks from other regions in the state who are likely also looking for access, and we don't everyone who's doing cultural collection. There are some species and resources that are really hard to find in known safe areas. For example- a lot of basketry species need frequent disturbance to grow straight enough to be useful. With 200 years of fire exclusion, those conditions today tend to be along roadsides where things get mowed every year, and along streams and rivers that still flood routinely. -In forestry and riverside settings gatherers generally aren't expecting as much pesticide application, but the agencies managing those areas (and the folks writing pesticide labels) aren't necessarily expecting people to be gathering and using those plants. We generally advocated for marker dye and signage when are using these activities.

As a Tribal government we are generally trying to educate and communicate in both directions to both Tribal members and public lands managers. However, we aren't going to reach everybody and the occasional reminder to applicators to consider the human context in which they're applying would be handy. Something along the lines of some " some groups may be in closer contact with treated areas due to occupation, age, or cultural practices' might cover it?

This may be way more detail than you actually need, and I'm sorry I don't have a better formed language suggestion. Let me know if you have any questions or want me to elaborate on any of this.

Thank you!

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