

Glysohate, the main ingredient in Round Up, which is regularly used with other herbicides in aerial spraying after clear cutting, has been studied closely since the U.N.'s World Health Organization declared it a "probable carcinogen". Studies have shown that glysohate has been found in almost every stream in America and is showing up in trace amounts in products such as Cherrios. Glysohate has been linked in studies to obesity, autism, non Hodgkin lymphoma and other cancers.

Western Helicopter, a major contractor for aerial spraying, is now proudly advocating the use of E Z Fire before replanting after clear cuts. E Z Fire is Napalm rebranded. It kills all plant and animal life above ground in a particularly gruesome manner. It is essentially a scorched earth approach.

I could go on, but end here with the request that your board considers a much broader forest policy that ends clear cutting on state land in favor of selective logging combined with more pro actively restoring of state forests which are a significant part of one of the world's greatest sequesters of carbon. This approach has to be coupled with reform of the tax structure that ends the sweetheart tax deal that the timber companies help craft, in favor of returning to the 1993 Harvest Tax that would provide adequately for rural counties without reducing conservation areas and degrading the landscape with more clear cuts. New taxes on shipping timber out and milling overseas could provide the additional revenue for the ODF to become the ODFR, the Oregon Department of Forest Restoration. (I would be happy to provide a more complete and detailed version of this paradigm shift.)

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