

Dear DEQ, this is my public comment on your plan to get poison chemicals out of waterways and fish. I support your effort – especially giving priority to the Clean Water Act over the Forest Practices Act – but want you to take the following additional steps: *I know families in the Mokawit Valley, Lane Co, who -after aerial spraying by Weyerhaeuser, have children who suffered @ skin cancers @ hormonal abnormalities @ having only one kidney & 1 shriveled ovary. Also - goats born with malformities. The spraying continues....*

- 1) Use your authority for safe drinking water and poison-free fish to keep **all** forest herbicides **entirely out of our streams and bloodstreams**, not just the few chemicals in your current plan.
- 2) As an agency acting in the public interest, adopt a strong '**Precautionary Principle**' in regard to pesticides and encourage the State of Oregon to follow your lead.
- 3) Since current FPA riparian zones have not kept herbicides out of forest streams, do all in your power to see that those zones are widened, especially in regard to aerial sprays.
- 4) Emulate the testing done by EWEB that features POCIS one-month duration test strips.

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