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Department of Environmental Quality/WQD
Attn: Andrea Matzke
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re: Precautionary Principle

Dear Andrea Matzke:

I am writing to ask that the DEQ adopt a strong Precautionary Principle in regard to pesticides and herbicides and to encourage the State of Oregon to adopt the same principles. I want the DEQ to keep ALL pesticides and herbicides out of rivers and streams and out of our drinking water, not just the few in the current plan.

The current FPA riparian zones have not been successful in doing this. These zones need to be expanded and widened, especially where aerial spraying is concerned. In addition, I urge you to adopt testing similar to the testing used by EWEB, specifically POCIS one month duration test strips.

I support your efforts to give priority to the Clean Water Act over the Forest Practices Act. Please continue these efforts and don't allow those who have a financial interest in exploiting our public lands on a short term basis to dictate your actions in protecting the public and the long term interests of our public lands.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Matthew Johnson