

Water Quality

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DEQ

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:

- 1) Use your authority to ensure safe drinking water and poison-free fish by mandating that **all** forest herbicides are kept 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. Encourage the State of Oregon to follow your lead.
- 3) Since current FPA riparian zones have not kept herbicides out of forest streams, do everything 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.

Thank you.

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