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This letter is a detailed account of the events that happened on April 16, 2014 in Douglas County, Tiller Oregon. On the above stated date spraying by rotary wing aircraft was witness by multiple residence in the area including Tiller Fire Chief Kevin Kehoe. This witnessed, confirmed and documented that the spraying contributed to multiple injuries and illness's to the taxpaying legal residence of Tiller. Listed below is a full description of the stated events.

On **April 16, 2014** while trimming cedar trees in our driveway a helicopter was seen conducting aerial spraying on **Seneca Jones Timber Company** land, which is approximately 600 yards south of us, on South Umpqua Road. The wind that day was steady 10-12 mph with gusts at 15 mph with a North Northwest travel path. During this spraying event, Joe captured a photo of the spray in progress which is shown in the attached link. My husband and I continued working for another hour before we began feeling the effects of this spraying. Around this time we started to experience the following symptoms (some initially others over the coming days) and came indoors; *stomach ache, taste chemical in mouth, sore throat, facial burning, burning and reddening to the eyes, headache, rapid heart rate, asthma like feeling, coughing, bloody nose and fatigue lasting for several weeks following.*

Several of our neighbors, who declined to report their symptoms due to fear of local and federal retribution experienced vomiting, headaches, burning eyes and a bad taste in their mouth.

Shortly after symptoms began, I contacted **Seneca Jones Timber Company**, and spoke to **Adam Stinnett**. The purpose of my phone call was to express my concern regarding the aerial spraying that the citizens of Tiller witnessed that day. After giving detailed information to Adam, he immediately began to give me information on the allowed wind speeds for aerial spraying which are "7 mph and they usually spray at 5 – 6 mph." Adam assured me they had a forester on site performing tests and all conditions were perfect that day. He also explained the nozzles are "large" and designed to deliver large droplets that fall to the ground upon exiting the nozzle head. I informed Adam that we were experiencing adverse affects and there was a visible grey mist in the air.

The Seneca Jones Timber Companies land borders the Jackson Creek and the South Umpqua River, **which are protected salmon and steelhead waters**. Adam stated "they don't spray over water" and I informed him that his company was doing just that as we spoke. Mr. Stinnett then stated that, Atrazine and SPUR are the herbicides used and that "they are very low risk to humans!" Shortly after our call ended, my husband and I witnessed multiple vehicles leaving the area that were associated with the aerial operations. The emblems on the doors were aviation related and the follow vehicle was a Seneca Jones company truck.

In the attached State of Oregon, Department of Agriculture, 140286 Case Detailed report, it confirms trace amounts of herbicides on lands across Jackson Creek from where spraying was applied. We believe the result of negative herbicide testing on our land was due in part to the heavy rains the day before testing. When the representative from the Department of Agriculture Pesticides Division Brent Nicolas came to our house upon request, samples were taken but not from the areas we requested. Mr. Nicolas stated they only take from certain areas that their lab will test from. Their lab does not test Evergreens which we were standing next to and working on when our symptoms occurred.

<http://earthfix.opb.org/communities/article/oregon-forest-practices-rules-fail-to-prevent-pest/>

Respectfully,
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