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The Williams Valley is in the Siskiyou Mountains of South Western Oregon. As can be seen in the image, the headwaters of the Williams Creek Watershed contain thousands of acres of industrial forest land.

Recent clearcuts are visible as the lighter colored areas in the perimeters of the view.

The location of these lands assure that any form of pollutant enters our watershed which is vital to wildlife as well as our organic farming industry.

The steep topography of our "cul de sac" valley allows drift from aerial spraying to contaminate both our watershed as well as our atmosphere.

Negative effects to aquatic and terrestrial species are possible and probable offsite from spray areas.

There is an alarming number of throat cancer incidents in locations directly adjacent to forestry related herbicide application. It is difficult to link cause to effect. It is not as difficult to demonstrate proximity and probability.

The Williams Creek Watershed contains high value essential habitat for Salmon and Steelhead primarily because of cold clean headwaters. These same headwaters value is impaired by toxic aerial sprays. Many of these sprays are touted as being long lasting.

Similarly, directly adjacent to these spray sites are multiple commercial and domestic organic farms that depend on untainted water.

The community of Williams has a great deal to gain from a reduction in aerial spraying and a tremendous amount to lose from its continuation.

