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From: Patty and Armand St. Martin <pattyandarmand@mindspring.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 11:39 AM
To: SENR Exhibits
Subject: Re: STOP FORESTRY HERBICIDES IN OREGON

For starters:

SB 926 AND SB 931.

Thank you very much, Remy.

Patty

On Apr 2, 2019, at 12:14 PM, SENR Exhibits wrote:

> Dear Patty,

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> Good morning, I have received your email, but I can't enter your testimony into the record without a bill number attached. Which legislation were you interested in commenting on?

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> Thank you!

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> Best,

> Remy Watts

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Patty and Armand St. Martin <pattyandarmand@mindspring.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 3:26 AM

> To: SENR Exhibits <SENR.Exhibits@oregonlegislature.gov>

> Subject: STOP FORESTRY HERBICIDES IN OREGON

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> TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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> I pray you will create legislation, as lawmakers and concerned citizens representing "the people", that will eradicate herbicide use at all across the State of Oregon.

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> Forestry Herbicides are used by timber companies to kill the underbrush of large swaths of land so it is easier to replant trees once the old-growth is logged. These timber companies spray herbicides before, during, and after clearcutting/logging so replant.

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> What is so sad is that it costs just a bit more to employ workers to remove the underbrush which would give safe employment to many unemployed Oregonians who can earn a living instead of using herbicides to spray on people which in turn are killing humans, animals, contaminating water and land, etc. just so the timber company can use chemicals to save a few bucks.

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> The difference in paying people to remove underbrush is miniscule in relationship to what it costs sickened people who eventually die because of forestry herbicide exposure.

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> I'm surprised the insurance companies aren't against forestry herbicide sprayings but it's probably because both corporate businesses are more interested in big money and greed than in doing the right thing to save humans from sickness and death. This has been a serious ongoing issue in Oregon for decades.

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> Do you know any CEO at any Oregon forestry company who would be willing to have these toxic forestry herbicides sprayed on themselves, their families, their properties, and into their water sources? I'm positive the answer is "no."

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> Forestry herbicides are sprayed to kill underbrush in forests to be clearcut, but also along highways, around schools, at golf courses, along utility lines, etc.

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> These herbicides stay in the land long after they are sprayed, and also the herbicides run-off into waterways.

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> When the herbicides are sprayed in forests, remember the forests of Oregon are hilly and mountainous, not flat, which means wherever they spray, there is always drift and run-off.

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> The timber companies also mix and match their powerful toxic herbicides to makes the herbicides even more toxic. They also add surfactants to their concoctions which make the herbicides even more toxic and they protect themselves by not divulging what is contained in surfactants calling it proprietary. They also "burn" after spraying and clearcutting, before replanting, which stirs up the herbicides yet again into the air being breathed.

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> This is a serious health issue to those exposed by these herbicides, whether it's humans, fish, mammals, farm animals, wildlife, rivers, creeks, land, etc.

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> It is so destructive whether on private or public land. Herbicide spraying does not know boundaries.

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> Having "notice" of when a Timber company is going to spray is ridiculous because (1) nobody enforces these notices (2) the herbicides stay in the ground and water sources for longer than the time a person might see them or know they are actually spraying (3) well-paid marketing executives advertise that herbicides are safe, even the Grange says Round-Up is safe, and many believe these ads and reports to be true when in fact they are not true.

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> If you want to see an area sprayed by forestry herbicides, please be my guest to have me show you. I can even tell you what was sprayed and how much and how many times.

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> Those who happen to live in areas where forestry clearcutting and regrowing occurs are in danger of getting diseases due to toxic herbicides.

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> It is a very serious ongoing health hazard. This is not a conspiracy theory but a real threat to health and well-being.

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> The timber companies in Oregon run the State and employ many Oregonians so they are wealthy and powerful as a lobby, but this should in no way be allowed when health issues affect humans living in your state.

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> Please don't take this issue lightly, because herbicides and chemicals and concoctions rained down upon people is irreversible when neurological diseases are caused or triggered by forestry herbicides which are aimed at the neurological make-up of plants that overflows to people's neurological health.

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> Herbicides do not know political parties.

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> Respectfully,
> Patty Lee S. Martin

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