

STOP ALL AERIAL SPRAYING IN OREGON

We all live downwind

In the 1970s, some Oregon timber companies started spraying powerful herbicides from the air over their clearcuts. Rural downwinders led the efforts to ban this abuse and stopped the sprays over federal forests in the 1980s, but were unsuccessful at ending this on corporate timberlands.

Now, Oregon's environmental groups are split between the downwinders who want an end to the poisoning and urban groups who merely seek better regulation. In 2015, **Beyond Toxics** pushed a bill in Salem to ask the State to determine acceptable buffers even though helicopter sprays drift for miles and mass spraying of forests poisons wildlife. A better bill, not championed by the establishment environmentalists, would have banned aerial sprays. Neither bill became law.

"Thus, confronted by powerful corporate opposition, the environmental movement has split in two. The older national environmental organizations, in their Washington offices, have taken the soft path of negotiation, compromising with the corporations about how much pollution is acceptable ... The people living in the polluted communities have taken the hard path of confrontation ... The national organizations deal with the environmental disease by negotiating about the kind of 'Band-Aid' to apply to it; the community groups deal with the disease by trying to prevent it."

– Barry Commoner, Making Peace With the Planet

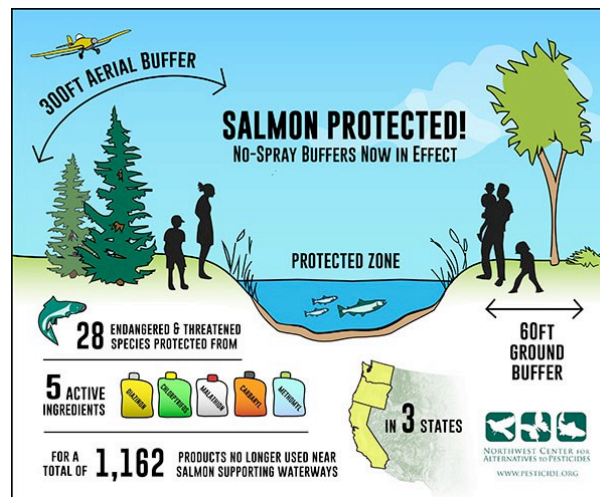
Ballot measure for buffers, not a ban

Oregon Wild and **Mountain Rose Herbs** staff are chief petitioners for a statewide ballot initiative to limit some sprays of poison over corporate clearcuts. **This effort is marketed as a ban but would have loopholes large enough to fly helicopters through.**

Their initiative would still permit sprays over streams where salmon have been wiped out, where cities do not get their drinking water, and where the state determines schools and homes are a "safe" distance away.

It is not too late to rewrite this initiative to prohibit all aerial spraying of forests to protect wildlife and downwinder communities.

Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP) graphic claiming "300 foot aerial buffer" protects salmon



Lane County initiative for a ban

A Lane County initiative seeks to prohibit aerial sprays. It is sponsored by **Freedom from Aerial Herbicides Alliance**, a group of downwinders who do not consent to being sprayed and understand allowing the state to designate supposedly acceptable buffers just perpetuates the abuse. Their website is www.freedomfromaerialherbicides.org

We are constantly being told about "a permissible amount of radiation." Who permitted it? Who has any right to permit it?

– Dr. Albert Schweitzer

Please ask Beyond Toxics, Oregon Wild, NCAP and Mountain Rose Herbs to support an end to ALL aerial sprays over corporate clearcuts:

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