

Raymond Plank

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Fulks Run, VA 22830

September 13, 2019

Mary Yonce, North River District Ranger  
401 Oakwood Drive  
Harrisonburg, VA 22801

SUBJECT: North Shenandoah Mountain Project

Dear Mary Yonce,

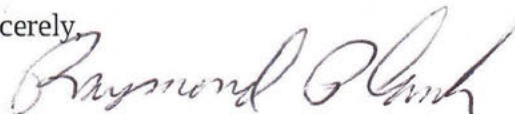
I live on [REDACTED] within the Feltz Ridge/Leading Ridge Working Area in the George Washington National Forest. I have some concerns and suggestions regarding the proposed work to be done in my area.

On November 3, 2017, my wife and I went to our local Forest Service and spoke with Mary Yonce and Meg Riddle about the herbicide that would possibly be used. We appreciate the Non-native invasive plant control EA as well as the CDMS product labels for triclopyr and glyphosate products that Meg Riddle sent us. I understand these will be site specific, but if what was described to us and how it would be applied stays as described for triclopyr and glyphosate, then I am okay with those herbicides being used. I was unable to attend the August 22, 2019 Forest Service meeting, but my wife, Susan Plank, was able to attend and asked if the Imazapic [name brand - Plateau®] had been or would be used. Meg Riddle informed her that at this point Imazapic had only been used at Slate Lick. I have concerns for water in that area and potentially in our area because of the way water moves in our folded mountains and karst land. Potable water can be contaminated very quickly due to natural springs, wet water springs and how water flows through the folded underground rocks. In the December 2010 EA Forest-Wide Non-Native Invasive Plant Control GWNF and Jefferson National Forests, Imazapic is listed as one proposed treatment for tall fescue [p. 84], bush honeysuckles [p. 85], princess tree [p. 86] and multiflora rose [p. 88]. I have not walked all of the proposed Feltz Ridge and Leading Ridge Working Areas to know if any of those plants are there and therefore, do not know if Imazapic will be used. As requested, the BASF Chemical Company sent us their specification information on Plateau®. On p. 2. under ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS it states "The use of this chemical in areas where soils are permeable, particularly where the water table is shallow, may result in ground-water contamination. ... This product has a high potential for runoff for several months or more after application." Our well water comes from the Feltz Ridge Working Area; therefore I would request that Imazapic not be used. If it must be used, I would like to be notified in advance.

Regarding the proposed burns in the Feltz Ridge and Leading Ridge Working Area, I request that I also be notified in advance. Placing a note on my door would be the surest way to guarantee that I will receive the message. If that is not possible, my phone number is [REDACTED].

I would be interested in the possibility of logging a local area. Please notify me by mail for the possible logging opportunity. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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