Data Submitted (UTC 11): 9/27/2020 1:15:44 AM
First name: Dick
Last name: Artley
Organization:
Title:
Comments: Your Proposed Action for Pedlar River North Vegetation in the September 10, 2020 "Dear Interested Citizen" letter says:

"Additionally, an herbicide treatment to control competing vegetation may be used if needed to allow for the establishment or retention of planted shortleaf pine or oaks." (pg 1)

"Non-native invasive species (NNIS) treatment with herbicide has been initiated inside portions of the Pedlar River North project area under the Forest-Wide Non-Native Invasive Plant Control EA. Further NNIS treatment would be implemented along with the above proposed vegetation treatments." (pg 5)

Unfortunately, your Forest-Wide Non-Native Invasive Plant Control EA allows the application of herbicides that contain the chemical glyphosate. Roundup is the most popular herbicide that contains this chemical.

Humans and wildlife that are just casually exposed to the lethal chemical glyphosate that is the primary ingredient in Roundup might die from cancer. Please specifically state in your pending draft EA or EIS that "no herbicide that contains glyphosate will be applied anywhere for any reason in the George Washington & Jefferson National Forests." There are effective alternatives to glyphosate application that will accomplish your goal to 1) control competing vegetation, and 2) kill non-native invasive species.

Comment for which I'd like a meaningful response in the Response to Comments section: The USFS embraces a fraudulent glyphosate toxicity study conducted by Syracuse Environmental Research Associates, Inc. (SERA) as the basis for its conclusion that glyphosate is safe. The agency ignores hundreds of unbiased independent scientists' research conclusions clearly show the chemical causes cancer. They ignore the close relationship between SERA and Monsanto. This would give any unbiased person reason to question the SERA study results.

Roundup is Monsanto's major source of profit.

*The USDA did not propose SERA as the lab that will test glyphosate for safety. Could it have been Monsanto?

*The USDA did not fund SERA's glyphosate safety safety. Could it have been Monsanto?

*The USDA did not write SERA's findings before the testing had started. Could it have been Monsanto?

How much money does Monsanto make from Roundup? In 2015, the company made nearly $4.76 billion in sales and $1.9 billion in gross profits from herbicide products, mostly Roundup. Please see: https://www.fool.com/investing/2016/05/26/how-much-money-does-monsanto-make-from-roundup.aspx

Some corporations will do and say anything to sustain a product responsible for $4 billion in annual sales. Monsanto is no different.

USFS leaders know if they were to announce an agency-wide prohibition on glyphosate application in national forests, these leaders would be reprimanded and could loose their jobs ……. for sure their future promotion opportunities. Please examine the information below with an open mind.

Comment: Ranger Stull, I ask you and your IDT members to have the courage to read the science conclusions

in the Opposing Views Science Attachment #6. This chemical is a carcinogen.

If glyphosate is safe why would herbicides that contain the chemical be bannedDenmark, England, Italy, El Salvador, Sri Lanka, France, Holland, Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Chile, South Africa, Luxembourg, Madeira, Cameroon, New Zealand, Peru, South Australia, Russia, France, Switzerland, Columbia, and Costa Rica? See:
https://sustainablepulse.com/2019/05/28/glyphosate-herbicides-now-banned-or-restricted-in-17-countries-worldwide-sustainable-pulse-research/#.X2_YRavn-1s

Comment: Ranger Stull, I have submitted comments by hundreds of independent Ph.D. scientists (many chemists and medical doctors). Without exception they present evidence that even casual exposure to herbicides that contain the chemical glyphosate causes cancer. I ask you to use an alternative to Roundup. There are many that will satisfy your goals. My religion is clear. Knowingly taking action that is likely to kill another human being is a mortal sin.

The Court has Spoken - Glyphosate causes Cancer

Here are of 3 recent court opinions. Only a fool would conclude Roundup is safe after reading about them. Even Monsanto's best attorneys could not convince the jury.

Roundup Court Case #1
On March 27, 2019 a San Francisco jury said Monsanto (now owned by BayerAG) was liable for Mr. Edwin Hardeman's non-curable cancer called non-Hodgkin lymphoma. The judge ordered Monsanto to pay Mr. Hardeman $200 million.

The jury stated:

"It is clear from Monsanto's actions that it does not care whether Roundup causes cancer, focusing instead on manipulating public opinion and undermining anyone who raises genuine and legitimate concerns about Roundup. It speaks volumes that not one Monsanto employee, past or present, came live to trial to defend Roundup's safety or Monsanto's actions. Today, the jury resoundingly held Monsanto accountable for its 40 years of corporate malfeasance and sent a message to Monsanto that it needs to change the way it does business."

Here are a 4 of the many links to this case:

Monsanto trial: cancer patient says he used herbicide for three decades
https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/mar/05/monsanto-roundup-trial-cancer-weed-killer

Second Jury Trial Implicates Roundup in Lymphatic Cancer
https://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2019/04/03/roundup-guilty-non-hodgkin-lymphoma.aspx

Jury Awards Edwin Hardeman $80.2 Million in Roundup Cancer Lawsuit
https://www.lawyersandsettlements.com/legal-news/monsanto-facing-lawsuits-over-alleged-roundup-cancer/jury-awards-edward-hardeman-80-2-million-in-roundup-cancer-lawsu-23071.html

Did weed killer Roundup cause cancer in Sonoma County resident Edwin Hardeman?
https://www.pressdemocrat.com/news/9363655-181/did-weed-killer-roundup-cause

Roundup Court Case #2
On May 13, 2019 a jury in Alameda County California ruled that the couple, Alva and Alberta Pilliod of Livermore,

Calif., both contracted non-Hodgkin's lymphoma because of their use of a glyphosate-based herbicide. They were each awarded $1 billion in punitive damages and an additional $55 million in collective compensatory damages.

Here are a few of the many links to the verdict:

California Jury Awards $2 Billion to Couple In Roundup Weed Killer Cancer Trial
https://www.npr.org/2019/05/13/723056453/california-jury-awards-2-billion-to-couple-in-roundup-weed-killer-cancer-trial

Alva Pilliod & Alberta Pilliod: 5 Fast Facts You Need to Know
https://heavy.com/news/2019/05/alberta-alva-pilliod/

Pilliod v. Monsanto Company | California Roundup JCCP
https://www.baumhedlundlaw.com/pilliod-v-monsanto-trial/

The EPA says a chemical in Monsanto's weed-killer doesn't cause cancer - but there's compelling evidence the agency is wrong
https://www.businessinsider.com/glyphosate-cancer-dangers-roundup-epa-2019-5

Bayer Loses Third Glyphosate Lawsuit; Plaintiffs Awarded More Than $2 Billion in Damages
https://www.agriculture.com/news/business/bayer-loses-third-glyphosate-lawsuit-plaintiffs-awarded-more-than-2-billion-in-damages

Bayer-Monsanto Ordered to Pay $2 Billion to Glyphosate Cancer Victims
https://healthimpactnews.com/2019/bayer-monsanto-ordered-to-pay-2-billion-to-glyphosate-cancer-victims/

Bayer's stock falls after $2 billion verdict against Roundup maker Monsanto
https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2019/05/14/bayers-stock-falls-after-billion-verdict-against-roundup-maker-monsanto/?noredirect=on&utm_term=.d1848f7731e6

Roundup Court Case #3
In July 2018, Dewayne Johnson (a former school groundskeeper) was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He sued Monsanto alleging the chemical glyphosate (an ingredient in Roundup).caused his cancer. Mr. Johnson used Roundup as part of his job. On August 10, 2018 a jury in San Francisco delivered a verdict in Mr. Johnson's favor. The judge ordered Monsanto to pay Mr. Johnson $289 million in total damages.

Here are a few of the many links to the verdict:

4 Must-See Videos of the Huge Win in the Monsanto Trial
https://www.organicconsumers.org/blog/monsanto-trial-verdict-videos

San Francisco Jurors Hear Hours of Scientific Data About Herbicide's Link to Cancer
https://www.law.com/therecorder/2018/07/09/san-francisco-jurors-hear-hours-of-scientific-data-about-herbicides-link-to-cancer/?slreturn=20180713081135

Monsanto Loses Landmark Roundup Cancer Trial, Set to Pay USD 289 Million in Damages
https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgxvxBXtJCGsfZgnVKVKfStZmxqSM

Monsanto "Taken To The Cleaners" In Jury Verdict Dwayne Johnson v. Monsanto
https://www.activistpost.com/2018/08/monsanto-taken-to-the-cleaners-in-jury-verdict-dwayne-johnson-v-

monsanto.html

Jury rules Monsanto liable in weed killer case
https://abc7news.com/society/verdict-reached-in-lawsuit-against-monsanto/3925454/

Monsanto ordered to pay $289 million in world's first Roundup cancer trial
https://www.reuters.com/article/us-monsanto-cancer-lawsuit/jury-orders-monsanto-to-pay-290-million-in-california-roundup-cancer-trial-idUSKBN1KV2HB

Monsanto Loses $289 Million Verdict in Roundup Cancer Trial
https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-08-10/monsanto-s-roundup-caused-groundskeeper-s-cancer-jury-finds

Jury orders Monsanto to pay nearly $290M in Roundup trial
https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/jury-orders-monsanto-pay-290m-roundup-trial-n899811

Law firms are now advertising on television
nationwide telling people that they will represent
them if they are diagnosed with non-Hodgkin
Lymphoma after having been exposed to Roundup.

James Harris Law
Link:
https://www.recallsuit.com/roundup-lawsuit-b/?msclkid=5be7029551971de0ec305fab2abdbbd2&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=Roundup&utm_term=lymphoma%20lawsuits&utm_content=Lymphoma%20Lawsuit

Sokolove Law
Link:
https://roundup.sokolovelaw.com/?src=bing_webppc_328577675_%2Bmonsanto%20%2Blawsuit_%7Bcontent%7D_b_o_lymphoma%20lawsuits%20against%20monsanto&numberToReplace&campaignId&ringPoolId&jpow=aa_328577675_bb_1233652168336312_cc_%2Bmonsanto%20%2Blawsuit_dd_b_ee_o_ff_%7Badposition%7D_gg_c_hh_%7Bdevicemodel%7D_ii__jj_110194_kk__ll_%7Bplacement%7D_mm_%7Btarget%7D_nn_kwd-77103363003058%3Aloc-190_oo_%7Bcreative%7D_pp_%7Brandom%7D_qq_%7Baceid%7D_rr_77103314975124_ss_77103363003058

Class Claims LLC
Link:
https://www.class.claims/round-up-lawsuit

Trustwell Law Group
Link:
https://www.trustwelllaw.com/environmental/roundup/lawsuit?utm_source=bing-ads&utm_medium=paid-search&utm_campaign=roundup&msclkid=7aa5b3c82ae01c32cf94eef65692be31&utm_term=monsanto%20lymphoma%20lawsuit&utm_content=Monsanto%20Lymphoma%20Lawsuit%20%7C%20Exact

Pintas and Mullins Law Firm
Link:
https://roundupsettlements.com/?utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=369199413&utm_term=roundup%20lawsuit&utm_content=82875860687107&msclkid=1fb4e9f4b0451049b80eb

4ca32754d40

ROUNDUPCANCER ATTORNEYS.COM
Link:
https://roundupcancerattorneys.com/roundup-lawsuit?msclkid=b0a975edf092161d3c4628d372a24497&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=RoundUp%20Cancer&utm_term=roundup%20lawsuit&utm_content=Lawsuit%20roundup

Carlson Law Firm
Link:
https://www.carlsonattorneys.com/news-and-update/roundup-2019/

A Case for Women
Link:
https://www.acaseforwomen.com/adv/roundup-lawsuit/?utm_campaign=369081443&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_content=79439809871843&utm_term=roundup%20lawsuit&adgroupid=1271035841951610&msclkid=f2058d93dd24196d73b4d0ad5f144d1c

Saiontz & Kirk
Link:
https://www.youhavealawyer.com/roundup/cancer-settlements-faq/

Greenberg & Bederman, LLC
Link:
https://www.gblawyers.com/roundup-lawsuits/

Rosen Injury Lawyers
Link:
https://roseninjurylawyers.com/roundup-lawsuits/

Garber Law Offices
Link:
https://www.garber.law/glyphosate-roundup/

Conclusion
Anyone who rejects the research conclusions of over 100 independent scientists that show glyphosate exposure sometimes causes birth defects, miscarriages, premature births, cancer - non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and hairy cell leukemia, DNA damage, autism, irreparable kidney and liver damage, infertility, learning disabilities, ADHD and other neurological disorders (especially in children), mitochondrial damage, cell asphyxia, endocrine disruption, bipolar disorder, skin tumors, thyroid damage, decrease in the sperm count and chromosomal damage …….. and instead believes a single safety study controlled by the corporation that manufacturers glyphosate (Monsanto) should seek professional help. If you choose to serve Monsanto and the USDA, may God have mercy on your soul. See:
https://detoxproject.org/glyphosate/neurological-disease/

I will not be surprised when you reject the overwhelming evidence I have just presented showing some people who are exposed to glyphosate will die. I am surprised that all IDT members will choose to follow you down this path. Oh well, I'm just one member of the public who has pointed out that the USDA has been snuggling with the manmade toxic chemical manufacturers (including Monsanto) for decades.

A person who is guilty of reckless endangerment creates a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury to another person. Your witless need to please the USDA by embracing man-made chemical corporations shows your next promotion on the USFS is more important than human lives.

You must have read about Monsanto in the news. Do you trust them to put safety ahead of profit? America has the highest cancer rate of any industrialized country in the world. Read the obituaries and you will learn most people died of cancer. Perhaps in a few years you might be responsible for the death of the person named in the obituary.

As you have seen, many carefully designed studies link glyphosate to horrendous bodily harm. How will you be at ease with yourself over the rest of your life knowing you planted the cancer seed where families recreate?

If the pre-decisional EA or DEIS does not prohibit the application of herbicides that contain glyphosate, then it will be time to warn the public. My letters to the editor will be short and to the point. They will be submitted to:

Roanoke Times
Richmond Times Dispatch

You can bet these newspapers will print letters submitted by people from out of state that deal with life and death matters
---
Sincerely,

CCs to selected forest staff and Rangers