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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 study. 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 lose 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 banned Denmark, 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](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](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->

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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\\_%7Bbadposition%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\\_%7Bbrand%7D\\_qq\\_%7Bacid%7D\\_rr\\_77103314975124\\_ss\\_77103363003058](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_%7Bbadposition%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_%7Bbrand%7D_qq_%7Bacid%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](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](https://roundupsettlements.com/?utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=369199413&utm_term=roundup%20lawsuit&utm_content=82875860687107&msclkid=1fb4e9f4b0451049b80eb)

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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](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](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 manufactures 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?

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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

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Sincerely,

CCs to selected forest staff and Rangers