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Comments: I am writing to voice my concern about the use of herbicides and pesticides proposed in the Foothills Landscape Project. I see more and more reports lately about the negative effects of herbicides and pesticides on our wildlife. You may feel confident you are relying on good science to make the decision of where and when to use chemicals, but it seems that we all too often here one day a chemical is safe only to learn years later it caused unforeseen damage. At a time when we are learning that insect populations are in a dramatic decline and bird populations are down 30%, it seems we should consider using chemicals very sparingly. I realize using chemicals is necessary to treat infested hemlocks and ash trees, but the 65,000 acres of applications called for in the Foothills seems excessive. It also concerns me that the public will not know where and when these chemicals will be used.