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Dear Frank Aebly,

Dear Supervisor Carlson and Ranger Aebly,

I am absolutely opposed to herbicide use for the North Shore project on the Mendocino National Forest. Such broadscale use of toxic chemicals does not belong in our national forest ecosystems! I support Alternative 4 and the reduced logging footprint of Alternative 5.

Herbicidal chemicals are more toxic, more persistent, more mobile and more dangerous than their manufacturers disclose. Their negative effects include impacts to both human health and natural ecosystems. Herbicides are indiscriminate in killing all plants, and are harmful to soil microbiology and contaminate soil into the future, reducing biodiversity in sensitive areas.

Herbicides are not necessary for sapling tree survival, as part of the post-fire recovery. The goal of controlling invasive species can be accomplished through a multitude of non-toxic alternatives that must be considered. Further, reducing the amount of ground disturbance, as proposed through Alternative 5, would reduce the need for invasive species management in the first place, as many invasive plants thrive on disturbed soils. The Forest Service shouldn't create new problems and further exacerbate one of the most significant threats facing our forest ecosystems, in the form of invasive plants.

Please do not endanger human health and the environment, choose Alternative 4 and the reduced logging footprint of Alternative 5.

Thank you for the chance provide input.

Sincerely,

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