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Comments: I would like to add comments to your plan of using Herbicides and logging of big trees in the Stanislaus Nat'l Forest.

I am in opposition to the herbicide treatments planned for fuel breaks within the Stanislaus Nat'l Forest.

First, the herbicide you plan to use, glyphosate, has been determined to cause cancer by the World Health Organization. This should be reason enough to not consider this dangerous herbicide. Use of any herbicide is not in the interest of the public and contamination is a danger to the environment & wildlife as well.

Small insects, vital to the basic life of the forest floor, once contaminated will most likely die. The list goes on as larger creatures such as birds/small reptiles may eat the remains of the dead contaminated creatures.

Thousands of humans who use Stanislaus Nat'l Forest for fishing, camping, and hiking also are at risk to the danger of contamination. Families with small children are especially at the highest risk. We read every day that more young people are developing cancer than ever before. Can we guess why?

Finally, the herbicide just does not go away! Once you have successfully killed of the unwanted vegetation the herbicide will be absorbed into the soil and reside there for an unknown period???

The logging of big trees, up to 40" in diameter might be practical if it could be completed selectively but that won't happen. Once logging starts, acres of larger trees will be "mowed down," destroying habitat for wildlife. It is not cost effective for logging companies to do selective cutting; they want it all!

I hope you will consider my thoughts and comments as you go forward in you decision making process.

Thank you