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Comments: I find it irresponsible that the government thinks it's a good idea to clear cut 10,000 acres and then try to tell Mother Nature what to grow there. Spraying herbicides to eliminate NATURAL growth only leads to bigger problems in the future. There are ways to responsibly clear cut an area to encourage NEW growth, create fields to wildlife, etc, but eliminating 10K acres of trees would be disastrous for the local environment. Please consider alternative 1 and simply clear cut the 3,000 acres. It would be wise to consider NOT using any herbicide to allow maples and poplar trees to grow in the area as they are necessary for local pollinators.