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Comments: Dear Forest Managers,

I have lived next to the Siuslaw National forest for 45 years. As a long time resident of I have seen many misguided efforts against so called "invasive weeds" in Oregon.

"The herbicide based eradication approach to restoration is outmoded. We cannot regain an imagined past but should focus our time , resources and energy on adapting to the future.
To think about restoration in a larger sense means placing ourselves in firmly within the ecosystems where we live and enhancing their biological diversity on multiple scales".
This is a direct quote from " Beyond the War on Invasive Species" by Tao Orion a botanist who worked in Oregon for restoration. I highly recommend it!

When we bought our homestead up a forest service road tansy ragwort lined each side. We pulled everyone we saw on our walks. Now only a few reoccur. I use permaculture principles in my life and have a garden of Eden where birds, insects, snakes, lizards, land frogs, salamanders and lots of other wild creatures thrive. No herbicides or chemical inputs just working with Mother Nature instead of against her.

Do not use herbicides, fungicides or insecticides in our National Forests. We have clean air and clean water let's keep it that way.