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Dear Supervisor Grantham and selected IDT members,

"It is horrifying that we have to fight our own government to save the environment."

Ansel Adams

"We must protect the forests for our children, grandchildren and children yet to be born. We must protect the forests for those who can't speak for themselves such as the birds, animals, fish and trees."

Chief Edward Moody

"God has cared for these trees, saved them from drought, disease, avalanches, and a thousand tempests and floods. But he cannot save them from fools."

John Muir

"The Eyes of the Future are looking back at us and they are praying for us to see beyond our own time."

Terry Tempest Williams

Please accept these comments on the draft EIS for the proposed Craggy timber sale proposed on the Klamath National Forest.

As a retired forest planner on the Nez Perce NF in Idaho and forest activist since 2003 when I retired, I have helped develop and commented on over 200 EAs and EISs. Without question this is the worst attempt to comply with NEPA I have ever seen! On nearly each page I struggled through examples of the following unprofessional IDT member behavior:

*withholding/hiding important information from the public, and

*writing things that are not true because the "specialists" were either clueless, or systematically trying to please Supervisor Grantham with an EIS that tricks the public into believing this tragic commercial timber sale benefits the forests natural resources and recreation opportunities.

Its pathetic these so-called specialist's choose to put your need for volume ahead of the proper functioning of the resource the public pays them to protect.

Ms. Boland, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Coats, Mr. Cuenca, Mr. Dietzler, Chris Ester, Mr. Tripp, and Ms. McChesney you should all be ashamed. You have all thrown out your land ethics/values and sold your good names. Why? You know you must write anything (true or not) to make it possible for Supervisor Grantham, and Mr. Varak to accumulate their precious volume.

Before you read my specific comments please take time to genuflect to your corporate masters the way the USFS taught you.

Never again skip home after work believing you served the people who pay your salary. They still think you all use your resource skills to eliminate any and all harm to the amenity resources they love.

My how special. Not only do you make a mockery of the NEPA process but you set the stage to kill people on 2 ways: burn them up with fire and cause them to become a cancer patient.

Issue #1 ----- What type of person hides important life or death information from the public. Wouldn't you want to know if your family might be exposed to a carcinogen? Federal Officials who knowingly put the public at risk are subject to civil laws and if convicted they face prison, fines or both. Normal, mentally stable people would never knowingly take action that might injure (or even kill) other people just because their employer says it's OK. Killing people and wildlife species must be such sweet fun on the Klamath National Forest.

Supervisor Grantham, incredibly, the DEIS at page 217 tells the public you will apply a herbicide chemical in the Klamath National Forest without identifying the brand name or formulation of the chemical. What is the agency coming to? Are they hiring unthinking robots who believe the public doesn't care if they die from cancer? Who are you?

You leave the door wide open to apply the chemical glyphosate.

Research shows even casual exposure to glyphosate might kill or maim human forest visitors, terrestrial wildlife, birds and will kill aquatic life with water concentrations of just a few parts per million.

You must have read about Monsanto in the news. Do you trust them to put safety ahead of profit? America has the highest cancer rate of any industrialized country in the world. Read the obituaries and you will learn most people died of cancer. In spite of the warnings you applied glyphosate in the past just because the USDA said it was safe. Perhaps in a few years you might be responsible for the death of the person named in the obituary.

Many carefully designed studies link glyphosate to horrendous bodily harm. How will you be at ease with yourself over the rest of your life knowing you planted the cancer seed where families will camp or hike?

If glyphosate is safe why would herbicides that contain the chemical be banned Denmark, England, Italy, El Salvador, Sri Lanka, France, Holland, Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Chile, South Africa, Luxembourg, Madeira, Cameroon, New Zealand, Peru, South Australia, Russia, France, Switzerland, Columbia, and Costa Rica? Do you think this is untrue? Read:

<http://www.bing.com/search?q=glyphosate+banned+countries&q=AS&pq=glyphosate+banned&k=AS3&sc=6-17&cvid=F7EC6E7D4A6646BD98BFBAE7BDB53595&FORM=QBLH&sp=4>

Your mind manipulation by the USFS was successful. You have all been taught to reject science that is not consistent with what the USFS taught you. None of you know the USDA has been cozy with the herbicide/pesticide manufacturing corporations for decades. Why? It's all about money ... the farmer's financial bottom line. Safety isn't important. Indeed, the USDA sleeps with Monsanto (see below). Be courageous enough to do the right thing. Please use a few of the many alternative methods to treat noxious weed that aren't lethal. Please read the articles below with an open mind.

Six Reasons Why Obama Appointing Monsanto's Buddy, Former Iowa Governor Vilsack, for USDA Head Would be a Terrible Idea

Published by Organic Consumers Association, November 12, 2008

Excerpt:

"Vilsack has a glowing reputation as being a schill for agribusiness biotech giants like Monsanto. Sustainable ag advocated across the country were spreading the word of Vilsack's history as he was attempting to appeal to voters in his presidential bid."

Link: <https://www.organicconsumers.org/news/six-reasons-why-obama-appointing-monsantos-buddy-former-iowa-governor-vilsack-usda-head-would>

Monsanto Receives Full Deregulation From Vilsack's USDA For Roundup Ready Alfalfa
Published by Alabama Confidential, January 31, 2011

Excerpt:

"Monsanto shill supreme, USDA Head Tom Vilsack pushed hard for his favorite corporate demon, the dreaded Monsanto, to further gain total control of US agriculture with this latest power bestowal by granting full deregulation for Monsanto's genetically modified Alfalfa:"

"Vanity Fair covered this issue in an investigative piece from May 2008 aptly entitled "Monsanto's Harvest of Fear" that is a compelling read and an in-depth probe into the frightening power that Monsanto has and wants.

And thanks to this latest ruling from the USDA, in conjunction with the false Food and Safety Bill that passed in the lame duck session of Congress, they are well on their way to getting it."

Link: <http://alabamacorruption.blogspot.com/2011/01/monsanto-recieves-full-deregulation.html>

Tom "Monsanto" Vilsack Must Go.
Published by Daily Kos, April 25, 2011

Excerpt:

"He should go to Monsanto, that is, where we know he'll end up in a cushy job making bushels of money following his adventure as Secretary of Agriculture. Why waste our time? Why not just do it now Tom? You're already working for them:"

"Who needs the federal agency responsible for ensuring food safety for Americans? In our brave new world we rely on the "invisible hand" of the market place to regulate itself! So it's only natural that Vilsack would approve a program allowing companies like Monsanto to review itself. I'm sure Monsanto will do the environmental assessments and find that "Oh My Gosh!", GMO's are perfectly safe!"

Link: <http://www.dailykos.com/story/2011/04/25/969976/-Tom-Monsanto-Vilsack-Must-Go>

Ag Secretary Tom Vilsack: Too much Monsanto in the Mix?
Published by OpEdNews, December 17, 2008

Excerpt:

"Iowans also remember the rides on Monsanto's corporate jet that Vilsack - the Biotech "Governor of the Year" - enjoyed during his time in office. He repayed Monsanto by working with the Republican floor manager in the

House, promising to do everything he could to get a seed bill to pass. This bill took away county power to regulate GMOs within county borders."

Link: <http://www.opednews.com/articles/Ag-Secretary-Announced-To-by-Jill-Hamilton-and-081216-596.html>

How did Barack Obama become Monsanto's man in Washington?

Published by Infowars, April 29, 2013

Excerpts:

"After his victory in the 2008 election, Obama filled key posts with Monsanto people, in federal agencies that wield tremendous force in food issues, the USDA and the FDA:"

"At the USDA, as the director of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Roger Beachy, former director of the Monsanto Danforth Center."

"As commissioner of the USDA, Iowa governor, Tom Vilsack. Vilsack had set up a national group, the Governors' Biotechnology Partnership, and had been given a Governor of the Year Award by the Biotechnology Industry Organization, whose members include Monsanto."

"As the new counsel for the USDA, Ramona Romero, who had been corporate counsel for another biotech giant, DuPont."

"Obama's signing of the Monsanto Protection Act, making that corporation senior in power to the US court system, wasn't an accident. It was taken in keen awareness of his duty to his Globalist betters."

Link: <http://www.infowars.com/how-did-barack-obama-become-monsantos-man-in-washington/>

Monsanto Has Tom Vilsack Under Its Thumb

Broadcast by Ring of Fire Radio, LLC, March 25, 2013

Excerpt:

"The Agricultural Department sent a budget to the White House last week, with orders from the meat industry and agricultural giant Monsanto on how Secretary Tom Vilsack should do his job. Monsanto, a company known for its controversial and potentially dangerous genetically engineered crop seeds, has been under fire for years for putting profit over consumer need and safety."

Link: <https://trofire.com/2013/03/25/monsanto-has-tom-vilsack-under-its-thumb/>

USDA Forces Whole Foods to Accept Monsanto

Published by Reader Supported News, February 3, 2016

Excerpts:

"In a cleverly worded, but profoundly misleading email sent to its customers last week, Whole Foods Market, while proclaiming their support for organics and "seed purity," gave the green light to USDA bureaucrats to approve the "conditional deregulation" of Monsanto's genetically engineered, herbicide-resistant alfalfa.

Beyond the regulatory euphemism of "conditional deregulation," this means that WFM and their colleagues are willing to go along with the massive planting of a chemical and energy-intensive GE perennial crop, alfalfa; guaranteed to spread its mutant genes and seeds across the nation; guaranteed to contaminate the alfalfa fed to organic animals; guaranteed to lead to massive poisoning of farm workers and destruction of the essential soil food web by the toxic herbicide, Roundup; and guaranteed to produce Roundup-resistant superweeds that will require even more deadly herbicides such as 2,4 D to be sprayed on millions of acres of alfalfa across the U.S."

Link: <http://readersupportednews.org/opinion2/265-34/34968-usda-forces-whole-foods-to-accept-monsanto>

GMO Science Deniers: Monsanto and the USDA
The Huffington Post, May 20, 2015

Excerpt:

"Perhaps no group of science deniers has been more ridiculed than those who deny the science of evolution. What you may not know is that Monsanto and our United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) are among them. That's right: for decades, Monsanto and its enablers inside the USDA have denied the central tenets of evolutionary biology, namely natural selection and adaptation. And this denial of basic science by the company and our government threatens the future viability of American agriculture."

"Now Monsanto and Dow Chemical have received government approval to market new genetically engineered corn, soy and cotton, that are "stacked" with engineered DNA that make them resistant to Roundup as well as 2,4-D (one of the chief elements of "Agent Orange"). Monsanto has also gained approval from the USDA for the same three crops that can tolerate Dicamba. 2,4-D and Dicamba are older, more toxic herbicides than Roundup, and these companies are reverting to them because they have brought us to the point of peak herbicides. They simply don't have any new ones, similar to the current crisis in antibiotics."

Link: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/andrew-kimbrell/gmo-science-deniers-monsanto-and-the-usda_b_6904606.html

There is not enough room to print excerpts from them all. Here are the links to the rest for those who are interested in reading about Monsanto controlling the USDA ... and of course the USFS.

Is the USDA a wholly owned subsidiary of Monsanto?

Link: <http://www.cornucopia.org/is-the-usda-a-wholly-owned-subsiary-of-monsanto/>

Obama's Highly Corrupt USDA: END Monsanto.

Link: <http://www.thomhartmann.com/users/telliottmbamsc/blog/2013/10/obamas-highly-corrupt-usda-end-monsanto>

A Government of Monsanto, by Monsanto, and for Monsanto

Link: <http://farmwars.info/?p=5860>

USDA to Give Monsanto's New GMO Crops Special 'Speed Approval'

Link: <http://naturalsociety.com/usda-to-give-monsantos-new-gmo-crops-special-speedy-approval/>

Monsanto's GMO Policy Infecting All Levels of Government

Link: <http://www.nationofchange.org/monsanto-s-gmo-policy-infecting-all-levels-government-1373204831>

Another Monsanto man in a key USDA post? Obama's ag policy's giving me whiplash

Link: <http://grist.org/article/2009-09-24-usda-obama-monsanto-organic/>

GMO Science Deniers: Monsanto and the USDA

Link: <http://www.wanttoknow.info/a-gmo-science-deniers-monsanto-the-usda>

USDA Forces 'Whole Foods' To Accept Monsanto

Link: <http://humansarefree.com/2012/02/usda-forces-whole-foods-to-accept.html>

In Defiance of Sanity, USDA Approves Dow's Agent Orange GMO

Link: <http://www.sustainablebusiness.com/index.cfm/go/news.display/id/25907>

Is the USDA Covering Up Potential Dangers That Affect Your Health?

Link: <http://www.liveinthenow.com/article/is-the-usda-covering-up-dangers-that-affect-your-health>

USDA and Monsanto "Biotech" Industry Collusion

Link: <http://www.truthwiki.org/usda-and-monsanto-biotech-industry-collusion/>

Corruption at the USDA

Link: <https://newhomeeconomics.wordpress.com/2010/03/09/corruption-at-the-usda/>

USDA Admits Exterminating Birds, Crops, and Bees

Link: <http://worldtruth.tv/usda-admits-exterminating-birds-crops-and-bees/>

USDA: Stop Killing Bees and Butterflies (CCD) While Saving Monsanto (Round-Up)

Link: <https://www.change.org/p/usda-stop-killing-bees-and-butterflies-ccd-while-saving-monsanto-round-up>

U.S.D.A. infiltrated by Monsanto.

Link: <https://legacy.minds.com/blog/view/460310689387388940/usda-infiltrated-by-monsanto>

STOP the Corrupt FDA and USDA Madness Once and For All!

Link: <https://www.change.org/p/athena-telos-stop-the-corrupt-fda-and-usda-madness-once-and-for-all>

Are you aware that the USDA is attempting to corrupt organic standards?

Link: http://www.carbonproduct.net/Health_and_Fitness/Are_you_aware_that_the_USDA_is_attempting_to_corrupt_oranic_standards/_17096

NEW SCANDAL FOR USDA & MONSANTO: Whistle Blowers at USDA say MONSANTO Influences Agency Suppression of Critical Science.

Link: <http://mauicauses.org/new-scandal-for-usda-monsanto-whistle-blowers-at-usda-say-monsanto-influences-agency-suppression-of-critical-science/>

USDA moves to let Monsanto perform its own environmental impact studies on GMOs

Link: http://axisoflogic.com/artman/publish/Article_62860.shtml

Monsanto's GMO Crops Ravage US, USDA Ignores Dangers

Link: <http://www.alipac.us/f19/monsanto%92s-gmo-crops-ravage-us-usda-ignores-dangers-247146-print/>

THE BITTER TRUTH ABOUT THE USDA AND MONSANTO SUGAR BEETS

Link: <http://geneticallyengineeredfoodnews.com/monsanto-sugar-beets>

USDA Approves Toxic Herbicide Amidst Great Public Outcry

Link: <http://healthimpactnews.com/2014/usda-approves-toxic-herbicide-amidst-great-public-outcry/>

USDA Gives Green Light to 2,4-D Resistant GM Crops

Link: <http://sustainablepulse.com/2014/01/03/usda-gives-green-light-pesticide-promoting-gm-crops/#.VIIUtJbTm1s>

USDA approves the second generation of GMOs resistant to more toxic herbicide

Link: <http://www.seattleorganicrestaurants.com/vegan-whole-food/usda-approves-second-generation-of-GMOs-resistant-to-toxic-herbicide-isoxaflutole-IFT.php>

USDA refuses to test foods for glyphosate contamination, says pesticides are safe to eat.

Link: http://www.naturalnews.com/048237_glyphosate_contamination_USDA.html

USDA Secretary Vilsack's proposal for product labeling: companies will voluntarily, use barcodes to tell consumers if their products contain GMOs. This would require you to scan the product, then be directed to the company's website where you'd have to wade through the advertising and search the fine print.

Link: <https://www.organicconsumers.org/essays/%E2%80%98%E2%80%99-barcodes-latest-plot-keep-you-dark-about-gmos>

Herbicide Use To Increase Dramatically

Link: <http://www.enn.com/agriculture/article/47711>

USDA Approval of Second-Generation of GMOs

Link: <http://undergroundhealthreporter.com/usda-approval-of-second-generation-of-gmos/#axzz3sFaNPdRd>

Those of you who think the authors of the literature above conspired to discredit the USDA are unable to comprehend reality. The world does not revolve around the USDA. Like all government agencies, high-level USDA employees know they must always please agriculture-related corporations. This includes Monsanto, the manufacturer of Roundup. If you would not drink Roundup, please don't apply the poison to public land. If you do, you will frequently wake up wondering who is dying from cancer because of you.

Very few human beings would knowingly take action that might or could result in another person's death. This is especially true if the so-called "science" showing the action is safe has been controlled by the corporation that stands to profit financially if the action is taken. Please do not apply herbicides that contain glyphosate to public land as you are planning. Glyphosate kills and maims most living things ... birds, fish and mammals (including humans).

You all knew glyphosate is highly toxic, otherwise you would have been up-front with the public and not hidden the names of the chemicals you plan to spray.

Federal Officials who knowingly put the public at risk of serious bodily harm are subject to civil laws and if convicted they face prison, fines or both. Normal, mentally stable people would never knowingly take action that might injure (or even kill) other people just because their employer says it's OK.

Who are you? The USFS appears to be hiring unthinking robots that make potentially lethal decisions that might affect the people who visit national forest land.

Think how you would feel if you went to the doctor with a pain in the abdomen and were diagnosed with cancer. If your final EA still proposes to apply glyphosate you will wonder who is dying because of you for the rest of your life. Remember there are effective alternatives to accomplish your goal.

You must have read about Monsanto in the news. Articles describing the dangers of using Roundup are published in the newspaper every week. The public also reads the newspaper. They are disposing of the Roundup they have at home to keep their families safe. Unlike you they don't trust Monsanto to put safety ahead of profit? America has the highest cancer rate of any industrialized country in the world. Read the obituaries and you will learn most people died of cancer. There is a reason the USDA has been in bed with Monsanto for decades. With the knowledge above, a competent, caring federal Official wouldn't think of applying glyphosate.

Many carefully designed studies link glyphosate to horrendous bodily harm. How will you be at ease with yourself over the rest of your life knowing you planted the cancer seed where families (including children) will camp or hike? Even haz-mat suits will not protect the people spraying the poison.

If glyphosate is safe why would herbicides that contain the chemical be banned Denmark, England, Italy, El Salvador, Sri Lanka, France, Holland, Austria, Bulgaria, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Japan, Chile, South Africa, Luxembourg, Madeira, Cameroon, New Zealand, Peru, South Australia, Russia, France, Switzerland, Columbia, and Costa Rica?

Here's the latest on this lethal chemical.

Anyone, I repeat, anyone who applies herbicides containing glyphosate to public land after reading the articles below should be indicted and tried in a court of law.

Most normal, civilized people would never take action if there were even a tiny chance it might kill someone.

Article title: Monsanto Secret Documents

Published by attorneys from Baum, Hedlund, Aristei & Goldman, September 2017

Link to full article: <https://www.baumhedlundlaw.com/toxic-tort-law/monsanto-roundup-lawsuit/monsanto-secret-documents/>

Excerpts:

"On June 30, 2017, attorneys from Baum, Hedlund, Aristei & Goldman, along with the leadership of the Roundup multidistrict litigation (MDL), challenged the protection of the documents below, in an effort to make them available to the public. In a meeting to discuss the matter, Monsanto told the plaintiffs' attorneys to "go away" and that the company would not voluntarily agree to de-designate any documents."

"The documents below allow people to see what is happening "behind the curtain" of secrecy that normally shrouds ongoing litigation. Along with each document, you will find a short description, along with the document's relevance to the ongoing Monsanto Roundup litigation. These documents tell an alarming story of ghostwriting, scientific manipulation, collusion with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and previously undisclosed information about how the human body absorbs glyphosate. The following secret documents help us better understand the serious public health consequences of Monsanto's conduct in marketing the herbicide Roundup."

Article title: This Labor Day, Tell Your Governor to Stop Monsanto's False Safety Claims that Hurt Workers

Published by Beyond Pesticides, August 27, 2017

Link to full article: http://action.beyondpesticides.org/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=25279

Excerpt:

"Tell your Governor to stop Monsanto from making false and deceptive claims about glyphosate (Roundup) -a pesticide that hurts workers. Because of its wide use by workers in parks, along utility and railroad rights-of-way, and on farms, use of Monsanto's glyphosate results in more exposure than any other pesticide. Monsanto has developed and continues to grow its market for this product with false claims of the safety of the toxic chemical.

Glyphosate is listed as a probable carcinogen by the International Agency for Research on Cancer (of the World Health Organization) and disrupts a pathway in humans necessary for healthy functioning of the gut microbiome. Meanwhile, Monsanto actively advertises and promotes its Roundup products as targeting an enzyme "found in plants but not in people or pets." "

Article title: Collusion or Coincidence? Records Show EPA Efforts to Slow Herbicide Review Came in Coordination With Monsanto

Published by the Huffington Post, August 17, 2017

Link to full article: <https://www.organicconsumers.org/news/collusion-or-coincidence-records-show-epa-efforts-slow-herbicide-review-came-coordination>

Excerpts:

"Newly released government email communications show a persistent effort by multiple officials within the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to slow a separate federal agency's safety review of Monsanto's top-selling herbicide. Notably, the records demonstrate that the EPA efforts came at the behest of Monsanto, and that EPA officials were helpful enough to keep the chemical giant updated on their progress."

"The documents reveal this was no accident, no bureaucratic delay, but rather was the result of a collaborative effort between Monsanto and a group of high-ranking EPA officials."

Article title: TRANSCRIPT FROM SECRET MEETING ILLUSTRATES EPA COLLUSION WITH THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY

Published online by Center for Media and Democracy, July 28, 2017

Link to full article: <http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/41429-poison-papers-snapshot-hojo-transcript-illustrates-epa-collusion-with-the-chemical-industry>

Excerpts:

"The Poison Papers represent a vast trove of rediscovered chemical industry and regulatory agency documents and correspondence stretching back to the 1920s. Collectively they shed light on what was known about chemical toxicity, when, and by whom, in the often-incriminating words of the participants themselves."

The Howard Johnson's transcript is a prime example of the materials in the trove. It allows us to "listen in" on a conversation that took place decades ago, but still has implication for us today.

The transcript "exemplifies as well as any other single document among the Papers the history of everyday regulatory failures and agency complicity that is the unknown story of the EPA and its enduring collusion with the chemical industry, and whose result is a systemic failure to protect the American public from chemical hazards," says Dr. Jonathan Latham, Director of the Bioscience Resource Project.?

Article title: Organic Consumers Association: Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Tests Positive for Roundup Herbicide Ingredient, Glyphosate

Published online by Organic Consumer's Assn, July 25, 2017

Link to full article: <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/organic-consumers-association-ben--jerrys-ice-cream-tests-positive-for-roundup-herbicide-ingredient-glyphosate-300493704.html>

Excerpts:

"In March 2015, the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer classified glyphosate as a "probable carcinogen." On July 7, California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard

Assessment (OEHHA) added glyphosate to its Prop 65 list of chemicals known to cause cancer.

A report published January 2017, in the journal Nature, linked low doses of glyphosate to non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, suggesting that there is no "safe" level of glyphosate despite otherwise indicated by regulatory agencies."

Article title: California to Officially List Key Ingredient in Monsanto's Roundup as Cancer-Causing
Published online by Organic Consumer's Assn, June 26, 2017

Link to full article:

<https://www.organicconsumers.org/news/california-officially-list-key-ingredient-monsantos-roundup-cancer-causing>

Excerpts:

"Glyphosate, the main ingredient in Monsanto's widely used herbicide Roundup, will be added July 7 to California's list of chemicals known to the state to cause cancer, according to a Reuters report Tuesday. This news comes after the company's unsuccessful attempt to block the listing in trial court and requests for stay were denied by a state appellate court and California's Supreme Court."

Article title: OF MICE, MONSANTO AND A MYSTERIOUS TUMOR
Published in Truthout, June 16, 2017

Link to full article:

<http://www.environmentalhealthnews.org/ehs/news/2017/june/of-mice-monsanto-and-a-mysterious-tumor>

Excerpts:

"It's been 34 years since Monsanto Co. presented US regulators with a seemingly routine study analyzing the effects the company's best-selling herbicide might have on rodents. Now, that study is once again under the microscope, emerging as a potentially pivotal piece of evidence in litigation brought by hundreds of people who claim Monsanto's weed killer gave them cancer.

This month, tissue slides from long-dead mice in that long-ago research study are being scrutinized by fresh eyes as an expert pathologist employed by lawyers for cancer victims looks for evidence the lawyers hope will help prove a cover-up of the dangers of the weed killer called glyphosate."

"But EPA toxicology experts were unconvinced. EPA statistician and toxicology branch member Herbert Lacayo authored a February 1985 memo outlining disagreement with Monsanto's position. A "prudent person would reject the Monsanto assumption that Glyphosate dosing has no effect on kidney tumor production," Lacayo wrote. "Glyphosate is suspect. Monsanto's argument is unacceptable." "

Article title: Patients: Roundup gave us cancer as EPA official helped the company
Published online by CNN, May 16, 2017

Link to full article:

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/05/15/health/roundup-herbicide-cancer-allegations/>

Excerpts:

"Christine Sheppard fantasizes about her life before cancer. Before she had to take painkillers "all the time." Before she had to seriously worry about when she might die."

"For 12 years, Sheppard had no idea what might have caused her non-Hodgkin's lymphoma -- until a group of

cancer researchers reported (PDF) that glyphosate, the key ingredient in the popular weed killer Roundup, is "probably carcinogenic to humans" (PDF)."

"Sheppard is one of more than 800 cancer patients suing Monsanto, the maker of Roundup, claiming the company failed to warn consumers about the risk of cancer associated with Roundup products."

Article title: The Monsanto Tribunal's Legal Opinion Reinforces Movements' Struggle for Basic Human Rights
Published online by Common Dreams, April 19, 2017

Link to full article: <https://www.commondreams.org/views/2017/04/19/monsanto-tribunals-legal-opinion-reinforces-movements-struggle-basic-human-rights>

Excerpt:

"The Monsanto Tribunal confirmed how poisonous products and toxic chemicals such as Round Up (Glyphosate) & Basta (Glufosinate), neonicotinoids, atrazine, and other pesticides have led to the destruction of soils, to desertification, to the extermination of bees, to the rise in health epidemics such as cancer, birth defects, and respiratory disease, to name just a few. They are contaminating people by polluting areas and poisoning our food systems. The recent UN's Report of the Special Rapporteur on the right to food, Hilal Elver, provides a clear account on the negative effects of global pesticide use in agriculture and its impact on human rights. Last September, the International Criminal Court declared it would prioritise crimes that result in the "destruction of the environment", "exploitation of natural resources" and the "illegal dispossession" of land and that it would now take many crimes that have been traditionally under-prosecuted into consideration. The ICC, though not formally extending its jurisdiction, will assess existing offences, such as crimes against humanity, in a broader context."

Article title: GLYPHOSATE: HEALTH CONCERNS ABOUT THE MOST WIDELY USED PESTICIDE

Published online by Truthout, April 5, 2017

Link to full article: <http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/40106-glyphosate-health-concerns-about-the-most-widely-used-pesticide>

Excerpts:

"More than 50 lawsuits against Monsanto Co. are pending in US District Court in San Francisco, filed by people alleging that exposure to Roundup herbicide caused them or their loved ones to develop non-Hodgkin lymphoma, and that Monsanto covered up the risks. The litigation has been consolidated as multidistrict litigation (MDL) for more efficient processing. Several hundred similar actions are pending in state courts.

In March 2017, the federal court judge overseeing the MDL unsealed some internal Monsanto documents that raised new questions about Monsanto's influence on the EPA process and about the research regulators rely on. The documents suggest that Monsanto's long-standing claims about the safety of glyphosate and Roundup do not necessarily rely on sound science as the company asserts, but on efforts to manipulate the science."

Article title: USDA drops plan to test for Monsanto weed killer in food

Published online by Nation of Change, March 28, 2017

Links to full article: <http://www.nationofchange.org/2017/03/25/usda-drops-plan-test-monsanto-weed-killer-food/>

<http://gmwatch.org/news/latest-news/17519-usda-drops-plan-to-test-for-glyphosate-residues-in-food>

<https://www.organicconsumers.org/news/usda-drops-plan-test-monsanto-weed-killer-food>

<http://todayeco.com/pages/91671667-usda-drops-plan-to-test-for-monsanto-weed-killer-in-food>

<http://ecotopical.com/ecowatch/171587/usda-drops-plan-to-test-for-monsanto-weed-killer-in-food/>

Excerpt:

"The USDA does not routinely test for glyphosate as it does for other pesticides used in food production. But that stance has made the USDA the subject of criticism as controversy over glyphosate safety has mounted in recent years. The discussions of testing this year come as U.S. and European regulators are wrestling with cancer concerns about the chemical, and as Monsanto, which has made billions of dollars from its glyphosate-based herbicides, is being sued by hundreds of people who claim exposures to Roundup caused them or their loved ones to suffer from non-Hodgkin lymphoma. Internal Monsanto documents obtained by plaintiffs' attorneys in those cases indicate that Monsanto may have manipulated research regulators relied on to garner favorable safety assessments and last week, Congressman Ted Lieu called for a probe by the Department of Justice into Monsanto's actions."

Article title: BEHIND A CORPORATE MONSTER: HOW MONSANTO PUSHES AGRICULTURAL DOMINATION
Published online by Truthout, March 19, 2017

Link to full article: <http://www.truth-out.org/news/item/39904-behind-a-corporate-monster-how-monsanto-pushes-agricultural-domination>

Excerpts:

"Independent studies on Roundup found that the full formulation was much more toxic than glyphosate, the active ingredient, itself. Monsanto's tests were only conducted on glyphosate, not Roundup.

Public laboratories are reluctant to conduct research on Roundup and other product toxicity because most biotechnology research is only funded by the biotechnology companies. Researchers know their careers will suffer if they do this type of research. Monsanto refuses to supply GM seeds for independent research."

Article title: Lawsuit accuses Monsanto of manipulating research to hide Roundup dangers

Published online by CBS News, March 16, 2017

Link to full article: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/lawsuit-accuses-monsanto-of-manipulating-research-to-hide-roundup-dangers/>

Excerpt:

"Court documents also reveal conversations between Monsanto executives and an EPA director about a federal glyphosate review. "I doubt EPA and Jess can kill this, but it's good to know they are going to actually make the effort," a Monsanto executive wrote."

Article title: California can require a cancer warning label on Roundup weed killer, judge rules

Published online by the Los Angeles Times, March 14, 2017

Link to full article: <http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-roundup-california-20170314-story.html>

Excerpts:

"A Fresno County Superior Court judge issued her final ruling Friday in the failed attempt by chemical giant Monsanto to stop California from listing a key ingredient in its popular herbicide, Roundup, as a carcinogen.

Judge Kristi Culver Kapetan had issued a tentative ruling on Jan. 27, denying Monsanto's request. In her final ruling, the judge said that none of Monsanto's objections were viable.

The multinational agrochemical company sued the state Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment last January after the agency issued a notice of intent to add glyphosate to its Proposition 65 list of chemicals known to cause cancer. The company has denied any link to cancer through the use of glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup."

Article Title: Monsanto Weed Killer Roundup Faces New Doubts on Safety in Unsealed Documents

Published in the New York Times, March 14, 2017

Link to full article: <https://www.organicconsumers.org/news/monsanto-weed-killer-roundup-faces-new-doubts-safety-unsealed-documents>

Excerpts:

"Court records show that Monsanto was tipped off to the determination by a deputy division director at the E.P.A., Jess Rowland, months beforehand. That led the company to prepare a public relations assault on the finding well in advance of its publication. Monsanto executives, in their internal email traffic, also said Mr. Rowland had promised to beat back an effort by the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct its own review.

Dan Jenkins, a Monsanto executive, said in an email in 2015 that Mr. Rowland, referring to the other agency's potential review, had told him, "If I can kill this, I should get a medal." The review never took place. In another email, Mr. Jenkins noted to a colleague that Mr. Rowland was planning to retire and said he "could be useful as we move forward with ongoing glyphosate defense." "

Article title: EPA Official Accused of Helping Monsanto 'Kill' Cancer Study

Published online by Bloomberg, March 14, 2017

Link to full article: <http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-roundup-california-20170314-story.html>

Excerpts:

"The Environmental Protection Agency official who was in charge of evaluating the cancer risk of Monsanto Co.'s Roundup allegedly bragged to a company executive that he deserved a medal if he could kill another agency's investigation into the herbicide's key chemical.

The boast was made during an April 2015 phone conversation, according to farmers and others who say they've been sickened by the weed killer. After leaving his job as a manager in the EPA's pesticide division last year, Jess Rowland has become a central figure in more than 20 lawsuits in the U.S. accusing the company of failing to warn consumers and regulators of the risk that its glyphosate-based herbicide can cause non-Hodgkin's lymphoma."

"A federal judge overseeing the glyphosate litigation in San Francisco said last month he's inclined to order Rowland to submit to questioning by lawyers for the plaintiffs, who contend he had a "highly suspicious" relationship with Monsanto. Rowland oversaw a committee that found insufficient evidence to conclude glyphosate causes cancer and quit last year shortly after his report was leaked to the press."

Article title: Monsanto Weed Killer Roundup Faces New Doubts on Safety in Unsealed Documents

Published online by the New York Times March 14, 2017

Link to full article: https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/14/business/monsanto-roundup-safety-lawsuit.html?_r=0

Excerpts:

"The reputation of Roundup, whose active ingredient is the world's most widely used weed killer, took a hit on

Tuesday when a federal court unsealed documents raising questions about its safety and the research practices of its manufacturer, the chemical giant Monsanto."

"The court documents included Monsanto's internal emails and email traffic between the company and federal regulators. The records suggested that Monsanto had ghostwritten research that was later attributed to academics and indicated that a senior official at the Environmental Protection Agency had worked to quash a review of Roundup's main ingredient, glyphosate, that was to have been conducted by the United States Department of Health and Human Services."

Article title: Unsealed Court Documents Suggest Monsanto Ghostwrote Research to Coverup Roundup Cancer Risk

Published online by the Ecowatch, March 10, 2017

Link to full article: <http://www.ecowatch.com/monsanto-cancer-roundup-coverup-2317043832.html>

Excerpts:

"Monsanto suffered a major setback Tuesday when a federal judge in San Francisco unsealed documents that call into question the agrichemical giant's research practices and the safety of its best-selling herbicide, Roundup, the world's most-produced weedkiller. The documents counter industry-funded research that has long asserted Monsanto's flagship product-used by home gardeners, public park gardeners and farmers and applied to hundreds of crops-is relatively safe.

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Article title: Monsanto Isn't Feeding the World-It's Killing Our Children

Published online by the Organic Consumers Assn. March 9, 2017

Link to full article: <https://www.organicconsumers.org/blog/monsanto-isn%E2%80%99t-feeding-world%E2%80%94it%E2%80%99s-killing-our-children>

Excerpts:

"Two new reports published in recent weeks add to the already large and convincing body of evidence, accumulated over more than half a century, that agricultural pesticides and other toxic chemicals are poisoning us.

Both reports issue scathing indictments of U.S. and global regulatory systems that collude with chemical companies to hide the truth from the public, while they fill their coffers with ill-gotten profits.

According to the World Health Organization, whose report focused on a range of environmental risks, the cost of a polluted environment adds up to the deaths of 1.7 million children every year."

Other science articles that would convince any intelligent, caring human being to use an alternative to herbicides that contain glyphosate are contained in the Glyphosate kills attachment.

Please read about these recent lawsuits against Monsanto related to glyphosate

Agricultural laborers and gardeners are filing lawsuits against Monsanto which allege that Roundup caused their

non-Hodgkin's lymphoma

Source: Class Action .com

Link: <https://www.classaction.com/roundup-weed-killer/lawsuit/>

Lawyers for Roundup Cancer Claims: Free Case Review

Source: Saiontz & Kirk, P.A.

Link: <https://www.youhavealawyer.com/roundup/>

Roundup and Lymphoma: What You Need To Know

Source: NAPOLI SHKOLNIK, Attorneys at Law

Link: <https://www.napolilaw.com/article/roundup-lymphoma-need-know/>

Thousands of people now have non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma due to glyphosate (Roundup) exposure, warns legal firm that's suing Monsanto

Source: Natural News

Link: <http://www.naturalnews.com/2017-03-23-thousands-of-people-now-have-non-hodgkins-lymphoma-due-to-glyphosate-roundup-exposure-warns-legal-firm-thats-suing-monsanto.html>

Roundup Cancer Lawsuit -- Get a Free Legal Consultation

Source: NastLaw LLC

Link: <https://nastlaw.com/roundup-lawsuit/>

Products Liability Litigation for Cancer and Lymphoma after Exposure to Roundup Weed Killer

Source: OnderLaw

Link: <http://www.onderlaw.com/products-liability/roundup-cancer.aspx>

Roundup Lawsuit

Source: Schmidt Firm, PLLC

Link: <https://www.schmidtlaw.com/roundup-lawsuit/>

Roundup Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma Lawsuit

Source: Matthews and Associates,

Link: <http://dmlawfirm.com/roundup-non-hodgkins-lymphoma-lawsuit/>

Roundup and Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma Lawauit

Source: Brown & Crouppen, P.C.

Link: <http://www.browncrouppen.com/defective-products/roundup-non-hodgkin-lymphoma/>

If you or a loved one were exposed to Roundup herbicide and suffered complications, including non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, contact Attorney Group for more information about your options.

Source: Attorney Group

Link: <https://attorneygroup.com/lawsuits/products-liability/roundup-lawsuit/undefined>

There are many, many more. Do you want to be associated with the next one?

Conclusion

Anyone who rejects the following information and still relies on a SINGLE Monsanto sanctioned and approved safety study by Syracuse Environmental Research Associates--SERA used by the USDA is clearly a mindless, heartless fool who has no business working for the public. I know there are intelligent IDT who agree with this member of the public but are afraid to voice their concerns. Unless you speak up you will be a partner on this crime.

Glyphosate banned for use in 27 countries throughout the world

California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment has declared glyphosate a carcinogen

There are 18,800,000 web sites that link glyphosate to cancer

The USDA has been cozy with herbicide and pesticide manufacturing corporations for over 70 years

I will not be surprised when you reject the overwhelming evidence I have just presented showing some people who are exposed to glyphosate might die. I suggest you use your computer search engine. Search on "glyphosate" and "cancer." You will get 18,800,000 hits. Here, I'll save you some time:

<http://www.bing.com/search?q=glyphosate+cancer&q=LS&pq=glyphosate+&sk=LS2&sc=8-11&cvid=96E89DA51EBF4CBA8B321C21FD78F0A1&FORM=QBLH&sp=3&ghc=1>

If you would not use this carcinogen at home is it right to use it on public land ... especially when there are alternatives that will accomplish your goals?

Finally, you may want to reflect on what you are about to do or enable to happen the next time you are in church.

Request for changes to be made to the final NEPA document: Clearly indicate herbicides that contain glyphosate will not be used anywhere, at any time, for any reason.

Failure to tell the public this chemical will not be applied to your forest leaves the door open for glyphosate application. This violates:

18 U.S.C. § 1001(c) because the Responsible Official relied on a single (emphasis added) research conclusion that glyphosate is safe made by a lab with possible ties to Monsanto (Syracuse Environmental Research Associates--SERA) knowing the research conducted by hundreds of independent scientists reveals glyphosate exposure may cause birth defects, miscarriages, premature births, cancer - non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and hairy cell leukemia, DNA damage, autism, irreparable kidney and liver damage, infertility, learning disabilities, ADHD and other neurological disorders (especially in children), mitochondrial damage, cell asphyxia, endocrine disruption, bipolar disorder, skin tumors, thyroid damage, decrease in the sperm count and chromosomal damage

40 CFR 1501.2 (b), 40 CFR 1502.16(a) and (b), and 40 CFR 1508.8(b) because Chapter 3 omits important environmental effect disclosures related to glyphosate research (i.e. glyphosate exposure is statistically correlated to birth defects, miscarriages, premature births, cancer - non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and hairy cell leukemia, DNA damage, autism, irreparable kidney and liver damage, infertility, learning disabilities, ADHD and other neurological disorders (especially in children), mitochondrial damage, cell asphyxia, endocrine disruption, bipolar disorder, skin tumors, thyroid damage, decrease in the sperm count and chromosomal damage cancer)

40 CFR §1508.27(b)(2) because the intensity discussion fails to discuss the degree to which the proposed action affects public health or safety.

The Apr. 21, 1997 Executive Order No. 13045 because the Responsible Official does not ensure that this project will not disproportionately expose children to environmental health risks and safety risks.

40 CFR §1508.27(b)(2) because you will not discuss the degree to which the proposed action affects public health or safety in the FOIA intensity section.

A person who is guilty of reckless endangerment creates a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury to another person. Your witless need to please the USDA by embracing man-made chemical corporations shows your next promotion on the USFS is more important than human lives. Reckless endangerment is a felony.

Issue #2 ----- Supervisor Grantham, please apply Dr. Jack Cohen's fine fuels removal methods to further reduce the risk to people's homes and the lives of family members in the WUI areas that are at risk should a wildfire start nearby. Not proposing to apply Dr. Cohen's fine fuel removal methods in this DEIS shows you are much more concerned with the volume generated by fuels logging than you are someone's home and the lives of their family members.

Without changes between draft & final you will risk people's lives. There are severe civil penalties for federal officials convicted of knowingly putting the public at risk.

The Craggy timber sale DEIS abstract tells the public that private property in the WUI near this sale is at risk of burning.

"The Craggy Vegetation Management Project (Craggy Project) was developed to improve fire resiliency on National Forest System lands by reducing fuels and stand density in strategic areas and within the wildland urban interface (WUI)."

The research conclusions of Dr. Jack Cohen (a USFS employee) explaining why and how logging is an ineffective way to reduce fire intensity and rate of spread are contained in Opposing Views Attachment #11.

When you are confronted with this information in a court of law how will you and your IDT members refute the research results from research conducted by a person with a Ph.D. on fire physics? A person who is guilty of reckless endangerment creates a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury to another person. Your witless quest for volume caused you to withhold from the public the most effective fire risk reduction method used world wide developed by Dr. Cohen. His research conclusions show commercial logging to remove "hazardous fuels" is a waste of the taxpayer's dollar compared to removing fine fuels within several hundred feet of a structure at risk.

Of course the USFS rejects this science because fine fuels reduction that requires no commercial logging and thus, does not produce timber volume. Supervisor Grantham, you will be infamous. You will not be able to claim "I didn't know" in court because I am presenting this information to you below and in Opposing Views Attachment 11. The IDT members will be partners in the crime.

I suggest you prepare yourself. Soon the WUI-related parts of these comments will be emailed to the Yreka City Council. Mayor Freeman will give them to the city attorneys to address.

This 2014 High Country News article describes the effectiveness Dr. Cohen's fine fuels removal methods:
<http://www.hcn.org/articles/the-loss-of-homes-to-wildfire-is-as-much-a-sociopolitical-problem-as-it-is-a-physical>

Comment Supervisor Grantham, one of your fellow USFS employees' research conclusions indicates fine fuels removal is far superior to commercial hazardous fuels logging farther away from the WUI than 100 yards, yet your draft EIS doesn't mention Dr. Cohen's research conclusions. Dr. Cohen states several times in the many scientific papers he authored that commercial fuels removal farther than "100 to 200" feet from the WUI is ineffective. Why then do you propose widespread fuels logging? Of course I know the answer ... you want the volume.

Request for changes to be made to the final NEPA document: Analyze another action alternative that will educate people about Dr. Cohen's methods and use USS employees to help people living in the WUI (with

permission) to implement Dr. Cohen's methods if they are unable to do the work themselves. This alternative would require you to do the following:

- *distribute handouts to WUI residents describing Dr. Cohen's fine fuels removal methods (where and how).

- *contact the people living in the WUI and announce fine fuels removal workshops will be held to answer questions. These workshops will present Dr. Cohen's research conclusions that prove commercial hazardous fuels logging farther than 100 yards from the WUI is ineffective.

- *offer to remove the fine fuels (with written permission) on private property owned by elderly and disabled homeowners who cannot do the work themselves.

- *Assure the P&N for your fuels reduction timber sale NEPA document reads something like this: "reduce the chance that homes will burn in the WUI should a wildfire start in the area." This would open the door to at least 2 action alternatives: 1) applying Dr. Cohen's fine fuels removal methods, and 2) removing hazardous fuels.

This issue is too serious to sweep under the rug.

If this does not occur, you will violate:

- *40 CFR 1500.2(e) because you were unable to avoid or minimize adverse effects of the project upon the quality of the human environment without complete knowledge of all likely adverse effects. Most adverse effects of project activities described by scientists in the Opposing Views Attachment #11 were not mentioned in the draft EIS.

- *40 CFR 1500.2(f) because you were unable to avoid or minimize any possible adverse effects upon the quality of the human environment without knowledge of the adverse effects. Had you known about these effects you would have acknowledged the existence of some adverse effects described in the Opposing Views Attachment #11 and the Logging and Fire Spread attachment in the draft EIS.

- *NEPA Sec. 101(b)(2) because the you do not "assure for all Americans safe, healthful, productive, and esthetically and culturally pleasing surroundings;"

- *NEPA Sec. 101(c) because "The Congress recognizes that each person should enjoy a healthful environment and that each person has a responsibility to contribute to the preservation and enhancement of the environment."

- *Ex. Ord. No. 13045, Apr. 21, 1997 [section 1-101(a)] because you do not "make it a high priority to identify and assess environmental health risks and safety risks that may disproportionately affect children."

The children born 50 years from today will not appreciate the ecological plunder caused by this timber sale. How could anyone ignore the children for personal gain? Is accumulating volume to maintain your promotion possibilities really worth it? Who are you?

Never, ever entertain the notion you serve the public.

Most Americans want future generations of kids to have the opportunity to experience the quietness and solitude in an undeveloped, natural forest. This will become more important in 2070 when the predicted population of the United States will be 418 million people. The wild UNDEVELOPED national forests will provide one of the only escapes from the insanity of a world driven even more by money than it is now ... yet each IDT member has chosen to deny this opportunity to future generations to please you Supervisor Grantham. They are all

accomplices in this crime. Why? Once again, money drives the plunder. The USFS pays well.

Most IDT members have science backgrounds. Most understand the value of biodiversity in the forest. By helping to plan this timber sale they are helping to simplify the forest which eliminates the biodiversity. Aren't there some decisions that should not be based on money?

The IDT members should remove themselves from their denial mode and have the courage to examine the cut & paste Purpose & Need closely and ask themselves if the P&N statement reflects the needs of the countless non-timber natural resources in and downstream from the sale area? Will a commercial timber sale accomplish these needs? Of course not. As my attachments show, best science indicates commercial timber sale activity harms and sometimes destroys the proper functioning of the forest resources that won't be hauled to the mill. Some IDT members know this, but why jeopardize a job that pays well. You all prefer to live a life of hypocrisy for the money.

As is the case here, the IDT knows they must assume the trees in a natural, biodiverse forest are sick and may die because someone concludes they are not resilient to natural disturbance events such as insects, disease and fire. Why is killing the trees with chainsaws and removing them for corporate profit better than allowing them to die a natural death as God intended and remain in the forest to replenish the organics in the soils and serve as habitat for some wildlife species?

Some IDT members know the Purpose & Need for this sale identifies excuses to log a properly functioning forest. They won't face the reality that the trees in a forest are infinitely more important if left in place to serve their function than if they are removed. They know the excuses to insert into the P&N. They also know their positions pay well. So what do they do? Each IDT member looks the other way and masquerades as a caring natural resource specialist. Sadly, a few of the IDT members have been convinced by the USFS rhetoric that serving corporate America simultaneously serves the tens of millions of Americans who depend on their national forests for recreation.

The IDT members have never asked themselves why a human vision of how things should be in the forest should override God's vision when He created the forest and allowed it to pass through different successional stages ... where each stage benefits the other natural resources in different ways? The IDT members believe the national forest landscape should be changed to mimic a private, industrial tree farm as is being done here?

Finally, do any of the IDT members believe the national forest landscape should be changed to mimic a private, industrial tree farm as is being done here?

Comment The Craggy sale will take away more undeveloped national forest acres from the legacy the unborn kids of the future should inherit. Which is most important: the future kids of America seeking solitude and quietness, or another summer home and yacht for the CEO of the timber extraction corporation that purchases this timber sale? Do the IDT members have the courage to ask themselves why the USFS defies the wishes of the American public by logging and roading-up the precious national forest land? How can an agency mandated to serve the public do so by taking action the public does not want or like? There is a reason the USFS euphemizes the word logging. They think using the terms "timber harvest" and "treatment" will trick the public into believing that ravaging the forest with skidders, tractors, chainsaws and poison herbicides is what should be done to "manage" the forest. Are you proud to also contribute to this plunder?

By now you may have read the information contained in Opposing Views Attachment #11 and the Glyphosate Kills Attachment. Reasonable people would have doubts about the wisdom of this timber sale proposal. Under what circumstances are the beliefs of several biased USFS timber employees more valid, responsible and justified than hundreds unbiased of Ph.D. scientists?

Responsible people that contemplate any action intuitively engage the Precautionary Principle. Perhaps you have never heard of it. Here it is in a nutshell:

The precautionary principle or precautionary approach states that if an action or policy has a suspected risk of causing harm to the public or to the environment, in the absence of scientific consensus that the action or policy is not harmful, the burden of proof that it is not harmful falls on those taking an action.

See: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Precautionary_principle

Who are you people? You all genuflect to the natural resource extraction corporations while simultaneously accepting your paycheck supplied by the American taxpayers who trust you to administer the national forests so the undeveloped landscapes will remain wild, and unspoiled for future generations to enjoy. Supervisor Grantham, you show the American people that some USFS line-officers will do and say anything to satisfy their witless quest for volume. Your loyal IDT members are all wearing their timber beast hats and are ready to help you trash the priceless Klamath NF.

You must earn public respect and admiration. How? Improve and maintain the public's recreational opportunities and amenity resource health rather than trashing them as you serve your corporate masters. Can you grasp this concept?

My Pending Objection

Supervisor Grantham, I know that you know my objection will be rejected by the Objection Deciding Officer regardless of my objection points. I know that you know the agency treats objections fairly and professionally only if they are filed by groups or individuals who have a history of taking the USFS to court.

Conclusion

Analyze your proposed RX burning and obliterate (rather than closing) and be done with it. Ask yourself what the kids of the future would want. Would they want you to trash their land by providing corporate profit opportunities now, or would they want to experience the quietness and nature sounds that will be available in undeveloped land.

Sincerely,

Dick Artley's scanned signature is contained in the "signature" attachment.

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