

From: Inessa Pearce [mailto:svenaofsky@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, September 02, 2016 10:54 AM

To: Somers, Dave J <Dave.Somers@co.snohomish.wa.us>

Subject: Large aerial herbicide spray in the Gold Bar area, Chapter 35.88 RCW "Water Pollution - Protection From", RCW 70.54.010 "Polluting Water Supply - Penalty"

Dear Mr. Somers,

We have not received any response from the Snohomish County government to our [letter](#) that was sent on April 30, 2016 asking the County to enforce WA State Laws [Chapter 35.88 RCW "Water Pollution - Protection From"](#) and [RCW 70.54.010 "Polluting Water Supply - Penalty"](#).

We are very much concerned and worried that those laws are about to be violated. Between August 29 and September 23 of this year, Weyerhaeuser Corporation is planning to execute a large toxic aerial spray in our watershed [FPA#2815270](#) potentially contaminating our drinking water sources with [many toxic chemicals](#), including ingredients of Roundup. You can find more information at [Chemical Spraying](#) page of our website svena.org.

We respectfully request that you, Snohomish County Council, and Snohomish County Board of Health look into this alarming issue as soon as possible and find a way to protect public health and safety of residents - children, adults and seniors - in the Skykomish River Valley from poisoning by toxic chemicals and to enforce WA State Laws Chapter 35.88 RCW "Water Pollution - Protection From" and RCW 70.54.010 "Polluting Water Supply - Penalty". The City of Index passed an ordinance in 1982 reinforcing Chapter 35.88 RCW and protecting its watershed. Timber industry functioned very well in that area without using toxics.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience when we can meet to discuss this urgent matter.

Inessa Pearce

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On Fri, Sep 2, 2016 at 12:07 PM, Somers, Dave J <Dave.Somers@co.snohomish.wa.us> wrote:

Inessa,

I will forward your message to Tom Rowe of my staff for further response.

I believe however that the County has no legal authority to regulate commercial activities on private or state forest lands. This is the purview of Washington State Department of Natural Resources. Herbicide applications may also be regulated by WA Department of Agriculture.

I will ask Tom to look further into this matter and get back to you, however I urge you to contact the WDNR with your concerns.

Best

Dave Somers

On Sep 3, 2016, at 9:10 PM, SVENA Sky <svenaofsky@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mr. Somers,

As you might note from the earlier message, we did not ask you to regulate commercial activities on private or state forest lands. We asked you to enforce WA State Laws Chapter 35.88 RCW "Water Pollution - Protection From" and RCW 70.54.010 "Polluting Water Supply - Penalty". I am sorry if it was not clear from the earlier message. If the State Laws can not protect us from water pollution, we very much hope that enforcement on the county level will.

Warm regards,

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