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Dear Ms. Pearce:

Thank you for your comments, concerns and suggestions on FPA #2815270. Forest land owners have many vegetation control alternatives to choose from, with herbicide application being one of them. Your suggestions of manual release, hand/mechanical brush cutting, or spot spraying troubled areas are viable options the applicant can use and may be considering. Regardless of which vegetation control method that is chosen by the land owner, we want to assure you that stream buffer protection is of high concern to DNR and the public and we will enforce the Forest Practice rules to assure those protections are met.

The notifications of exactly which brand name chemicals the applicant will use and their proposed timelines of the forest chemical application is not required by the forest practice rules, but the applicant can choose to volunteer that information.

The Department of Natural Resources is not the only regulatory authority overseeing the application of herbicides in Washington State. The Washington State Department of Agriculture also has some of those responsibilities. More information can be found at <http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/Pesticides/ComplianceActivities.aspx>, as well as contact information for the Department of Agriculture.

We hope you will continue to work cooperatively with the applicant towards acquiring the information that will help your community make informed decisions related to the proposed Forest Practices Application activity.

Please contact me if you have further questions.

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