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Subject: **SVENA comments - FPA# 2815918, 2815962, 2815963, 2815964, 2815965, 2815966, 2815986, 2815987**

**SVENA stands for Skykomish Valley Environmental & Economic Alliance. It is a non-profit grass-roots community membership organization with deep support from local residents. Our mission is to protect an environmentally and economically sustainable future of the Skykomish River Valley. We are working towards a safer, cleaner, healthier, more beautiful and economically sustainable place to live, work and visit.**

**We are writing to oppose the approval of FPA#s 2815918, 2815962, 2815963, 2815964, 2815965, 2815966, 2815986 and 2815987.**

**Active ingredients in those sprays are numerous and include toxic chemicals such as Glyphosate (one common brand name containing Glyphosate is Roundup), Imazapyr, 2,4-D, Triclopyr, Metsulfuron methyl and Sulfometuron methyl. Some irreversible health effects for humans may include: different types of cancers, reduced production of sex hormones, damage to human cells particularly in fetuses, miscarriages, attention deficit disorder, irritation to eyes, skin, and respiratory tract. More information is in the [Fact Sheet for Active Ingredients](#) and [Pesticide Properties Database, University of Hertfordshire, UK](#).**

**The Skykomish River Valley community is well informed about annual toxic spraying on industrial tree farms in the Valley, as well as about the recently submitted aerial spray applications. The community is very much concerned about potential toxic contamination of air, soil, water and public/private drinking water sources by drift, runoff, leaching into groundwater, and possible volatilization and condensation of toxic chemicals listed in the FPAs. Washington State prohibits pollution of public and private water sources and their watersheds by law [Chapter 35.88 RCW "Water Pollution—Protection From"](#), [RCW 70.54.010 "Polluting Water Supply – Penalty"](#).**

**SVENA started a petition on Change.org ["Use alternative methods, NOT toxic aerial spray on industrial tree farms in Sky Valley, WA!"](#). We have big local support for this petition as well as support of such organizations as Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP) on behalf of their 14,000 members, and Pilchuck Audubon Society (PAS) on behalf of their 1,400 members. This petition is currently attracting attention of local and regional media and press.**

**We will very much appreciate it, if Weyerhaeuser and SPI use mechanical methods over chemical methods for vegetation control. It is the safest option for the Valley, its residents, hundreds of thousands of tourist visitors and DNR and timber corporations' staff. The biggest concern is for children and pregnant women.**

**We would like to keep our relationship with the timber corporations positive and constructive and to find their understanding and consideration of our serious concerns. We hope that the forestry objectives will be achieved without the aerial spraying of chemical toxic pesticides above the Skykomish River Valley and other sensitive communities in the South Snohomish County. On behalf of the Skykomish River Valley community, we look forward to communicating and negotiating with Weyerhaeuser Corporation and Sierra Pacific Industries. Please let us know at your earliest convenience about your intentions.**

**Best regards,**

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