

I'm not sure whether or not this fits your guidelines, but I would like to raise the issue of herbicide spraying in ecologically sensitive areas. Herbicide spraying is used with great abandon by more regenners when 'rehabilitating' forests, and so far as I can see serves only to kill local indigenous seedlings and prevent any more from coming up for a period of approximately 18 months. This means that only weed seeds will germinate in the area sprayed for that time. Weeds should be pulled by hand where at all possible, thus leaving the native seedlings to grow and more able to germinate. I now have plenty of observations to support this, and my view could easily be tested by spraying strips and leaving strips.

There is also lots of effects from drift, that must also be taken onto account when spraying herbicide.

Thanks

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