Herbicide use on DNR managed forestlands

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Large Public Landowners in Washington State
DNR-Managed Trust Lands

2 million acres forested Trust lands
Why does DNR use herbicides?

$325$ million annual revenue generated for trust beneficiaries

2 million acres forested trust acres

Silviculture expedites forest regeneration and growth

Herbicide is a critical tool in the silviculture toolkit
Herbicide applications on DNR managed land

- Reasons for applying herbicides on our forested lands:
  - Roadside spray – keeps roads open
  - Noxious weed treatment
  - Managing undesirable vegetation in forest stands

- We also use some pesticides at our:
  - Tree seed orchard
  - Forest nursery
Communicating our work to our neighbors

• A good working relationship with our neighbors is as important a tool for our success as anything

• We typically go beyond what is required by law because it is good practice and good business.
  • Send letters, make calls, in person meetings
  • Ongoing relationships
  • Hearing concerns
  • Education and discussion

• In some areas we rely more heavily on mechanical treatments (i.e., hand cutting)