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51 years ago I was an Biologist Aide fir the A.D.F.G. working with Harry Merriam(Regional Deer Biologist)

In the Spring of 1963 the U.S.F.S. Sprayed DDT at Polk Inlet on P.O.W. Island.

In July of 1963 Harry and I did vegetative sampling from 0-800ft in this area and again in December 1963.

In 1967 (4 years later) Harry took tissues samples on a 2 year old deer which showed unacceptable levels of contaminates.

Sometime between 1987 and 1994 the application of 2 types of herbicides at the Hoonah Ranger District by U.S.F.S. was performed. These applications were meant to eliminate Salmonberry, Fireweed and Alder growth as they overtake native species once timber is harvested or roads are built.

I suggest you address the strength and duration of effectiveness for herbicides and pesticides before endorsing a program.

Don't rely on someone word for this information; Demand actual test results, published and peer-reviewed results.

I know nothing of the States program of herbicides or pesticides but it must be similar to Federal Agencies. Find out.

My phone inquires to U.S.F.S. Botanists in Wrangell and Ketchikan have not been returned.

Councilor Bob Linn was a Regional Forester with the U.S.F.S. he should be able to recover this information.

This council has been incorporated into a Borough, to have a say in community affairs- now is the time to demand your voice be heard.

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