AN EXTINCTION EVENT?

Pesticides

Most consider the 1950s to be the start of the "pesticide era." Over 98% of sprayed insecticides and 95% of herbicides reach a destination other than their target species; "drift" occurs when pesticides suspended in the air as particles are carried by wind to other areas. This reduces biodiversity, contributes to pollinator decline, destroys habitats (especially for birds), and threatens endangered species. The State owns 2 million acres, 10 million are federally owned of 22 millions of forests in all, plus 15 million used for agriculture (of 44 million total). All are sprayed now and then to clear the ground for exotic crops (including the new

Super Doug). Application of chemicals themselves are barely overseen by the US EPA and WA Dept. of Agriculture.



Ethnobotanical Gardens

Native plant "starts" from Bonhoeffer Gardens (to your SW, by the I-5) illustrate 99 foods and materials available to the American peoples who lived here 10,000 years without the need to develop agriculture. Planter boxes contain:

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Legends and Lessons

You are standing within the Pilchuck Tree Farm ("PTF") founded by John Hauberg. His autobiography describes how he started a collection of farms and holdings that now

sum to over 16,000 acres. It was his gift of the PTF option to purchase the land on which you stand that created this Farm. If you judge a man by his actions - not just his words - John was



a great man. We thank him (he died in 2002) and we also thank his Page family descendents. Again, there would be no Living History Farm, no Preschool, and no Botanical Gardens without this fulfilled and kind gift. See Recollections of a Civic Errand Boy: The Autobiography of John Henry Hauberg, Audiobook.

PLC is funding WWU's SAM Project focusing on the loss of native plant species. Herbicides are a leading candidate and PTF uses them. They would be at a huge competitive disadvantage not to. A solution? Ban forestry use completely?