<u>Rhododendron Eradication – Follow-up</u>

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This is for the direct treatment of regrowth following initial manual, mechanical, or chemical treatment. It is expected that areas will need several follow up treatments to control rhododendron regrowth and seedlings.

Applicants must have a Rhododendron Control Plan which demonstrates a long-term strategy to eradicate invasive rhododendron, including monitoring and follow up for the property, and must either apply for this in conjunction with the initial treatment or after the initial treatment of their control plan.

This operation is for survey, chemical foliar spraying or manual removal.

Applicants must make sure that at year five of the Rhododendron Control Plan rhododendron regrowth and seedlings are being treated and controlled and the site is being actively monitored.

The site must be surveyed at year four to make sure that control has been achieved. Please provide the survey results and photographic evidence to your woodland officer. The site may be inspected by Scottish Forestry at this time.

You must follow the Code of Practice for herbicide spraying and guidance in the Health and Safety Executive application of pesticides by handheld equipment document.

Further information

There is information to assist you on the Forest Research website on reducing pesticide use in forestry.

Please make sure you abide by conditions set out in the Forestry Grant Scheme claim form and guidance.

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