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I am concerned about the language in your posting that included planting dense vegetation to restrict access in the Glacier Park.

I consider much of what you did at the Maury Marine Park a costly mistake that threatens established view corridors and the diversity of the ecosystems that include established South Sound Prairie and Madrona forests.

The random planting of Doug Fir in these areas is a serious threat to the broader vistas that attract users to these rare "open spaces" with breathtaking views of both the Olympics and Mt. Rainier. They are also not required for remediation in these areas and present a maintenance issue where there was little to none before.

You have repeated this approach on the Glacier property with expensive fencing, plastic fabric, plastic water tanks and irrigation lines. The Evergreens in this area threaten to choke the expansive view of the Olympic Range at the entrance to the "open space" down to a narrow corridor and totally change the character of the walk to the main overlook.

Attached are 2 shots that I took today of vanishing vistas in the Marine Park. The shot of Mt. Rainier shows evergreen planting in an established, low maintenance Prairie area where there was recent scour activity that would put this as an extremely low risk for contamination.



