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PAN-1; I live and work in Big Sur. Year after year I watch Cal Trans spray 1000's of gallons of glyphosate in the unscientific war on "invasive" species. I have witnessed absolutely no difference in "invasive" populations. What I have witnessed and documented is Cal Trans spraying and killing patches of Pompa grass (but only as far as their boom can reach) and also inadvertently killing other broad leaf species. When they do this they leave a dead lifeless patch. This patch of soil already unstable soil no longer has the help of root structures to hold it together. When the rain comes it almost always slides off into the road. It's like the snake eating it's own tail. If I had my tin-foil hat I'd almost say it's a conspiracy. We hand over billions of tax dollars to Bayer for pesticides, pay Caltrans to spray it in vain in our completely misguided "war on invasive species", this causes 100's of slides every year and then we hand over more tax dollars to Caltrans to clean it up. There's definitely some handshaking at the top, but it's mostly just a lack of communication, data and just the slow grinding gears of bureaucracy.