NOTICE OF HERBICIDE USE ON THE ALASKA RAILROAD RAIL SYSTEM

The Alaska Railroad (ARRC) plans to apply herbicide on its rail system during 2021.

TARGET: Problem vegetation within the Alaska Railroad rail system. Vegetation control is a Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) requirement and is necessary to allow track visibility and inspection, prevent tripping hazards, and to prevent accelerated deterioration of track components. Herbicide use is part of an integrated vegetation management plan (IVMP) that also includes manual and mechanical methods.

LOCATION: The Alaska Railroad’s rail system, including the main line track from Seward to Fairbanks, branch line track and rail yards, as needed. Also along the Northern Rail Extension Tanana River levee in Salcha.

DATES/NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS: Application will occur June through August 2021. All portions of the rail system will receive one application. Some areas may receive a second application, if necessary, to adequately control problem vegetation.

PRODUCTS USED:
• Alligare Glyphosate 4 Plus – EPA registration # 81927-9
• Alligare MSM 6O – EPA registration # 81927-7
• Alligare Triclopyr 3 – EPA registration # 81927-13
• Bayer Oust Extra – EPA registration # 432-1557
• Corteva Milestone – EPA registration # 62719-519
• Novita MSO – methylated seed oil surfactant
• Novita Drift Control – drift retardant
• Novita Foam No More – foam retardant

APPLICATION METHOD: By a licensed contractor operating a special vehicle that travels along on the tracks and is equipped with low-volume, low-pressure ground-directed attachments to apply the herbicide. There may be additional spot application by licensed contractors using hand-operated pump spray tools.

FOR MORE INFO OR TO CONTACT THE RAILROAD: More information about the railroad’s vegetation management program is available at AlaskaRailroad.com > CORPORATE > Safety > Vegetation Management

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