

# HERBICIDES & WILDFIRES CYCLE

**FUEL LOAD INCREASE**

Herbicides kill grasses, shrubs and other plants, leaving dry, dead plant matter that fuels wildfires.

**REMOVAL OF NATURAL FIRE BREAKS**

Deciduous trees act as natural fire breaks, and removing these fire-resistant species creates more fire-prone monocultures.

**DIVERSITY REMOVAL**

Lack of diversity allows wildfires to spread more rapidly and intensely, as fires in coniferous forests are less likely to be slowed down.