

The Private Side of Rhododendron Control



- Introduction
- Neil Dyson
- Manage a small private company in Dumfries and Galloway
- Carry out a wide variety of tasks on small to medium private estates
- One of these tasks is the use of herbicide

Pesticide use



- Main reason for use, cost £
- Approved operators only PA1 and 6
- Basis Registration if giving advice
- Risk Assessments
- COSHH Assessments
- Other related paper work required

Approved Pesticides



- Link back to the COSHH
- Sources of information on this subject
- Four most commonly used/available
- No recommendations use your own judgement

Applicators



- Most common knapsack sprayer
- Drench gun
- Hand hatchet and sprayer
- Swedish hatchet

Past experience



- Rhododendron a formidable weed
- It can survive and thrive
- Types of methods tried, cut, burn, spray, dig, mulch
- No one method can give good results
- Cut, clear, leave and spray

Summary



- Control of this pest is difficult
- Eradication close to impossible
- It takes planning time and effort to get results
- It is not cheap to achieve