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cc
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Subject
HERBICIDES

DEAR BLM,

Please count me on the NO to pesticides list. Surely there is a better way with all of the people out of work, volunteers and prison work release programs to control "weeds".

I believe that President Bush encourages the funding of faith based initiatives; I think churches and church schools would be happy to volunteer to protect wildlife, fish, certain important species of plants which would be harmed, not to mention the damage to humans and water sources. Any one who has an undeveloped immune system: CHILDREN, plus those with impaired immunity of any kind: Asthma, Emphysema, Lupus, MS ,ALS, Parkinsons, Cancer, AIDS, HIV, Allergies, Multiple Chemical Sensitivities etc., is at risk. This is well established in the medical community. Any "herbiciding" is overkill in my mind, when so many viable alternatives are readily available.

PLUS, the \$ monetary savings to ME, the tax payer would be enormous! This money could pay for more rangers and firefighters and other areas of great need within BLM.

PLEASE DO NOT TRIPLE YOUR USE OF HERBICIDES!

Consider:

That this is not an effective way to deal with the invasive plant problem. This just puts BLM in a treadmill cycle of pesticide use.

Livestock grazing, road construction and, use of off-road vehicles, timber harvests, and fuel reduction projects all encourage invasive weeds on BLM land: MY LAND! I know that BLM needs to change the way the agency manages these activities in order to prevent invasive plant problems. BLM also needs to make a strong commitment to reducing its reliance on herbicides. These products are chemicals made from expensive foreign oil, and tripling their use does not support the present administration's lip service to reduction of reliance on foreign oil, which is the raw source for these poisonous and NOT necessary agents.

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Sincerely,
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