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RE: PLEASE, please DO NOT increase the use of HERBICIDES

Dear Dr Amme:

We appreciate BLM's past restraint in herbicide usage

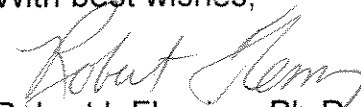
Using toxins to eradicate exotic species [such as Gorse here in Oregon] is NOT a long-term answer to the problem. Indeed the recurring use of herbicides will destroy much native vegetation upon which a variety of local invertebrates depend and will have additional impact at different food chain levels.


The use of toxins on BLM land would certainly benefit the short-term interests of monocultural commercial forests growing near BLM land but increased use of herbicides is without question detrimental to the rest of us.

Thanks for taking a long-range view of this herbicide question .

We strongly urge BLM not to increase herbicide use.

With best wishes,


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