

**Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)  
for the  
Spokane District Weed Treatment EA  
(EA# OR130-FY09-0002)**

Based on the effects discussed in the Environmental Assessment (EA), I have determined that the Proposed Action is not a major federal action which would significantly affect the quality of the human environment, individually or cumulatively with other actions in the general area. None of the environmental effects identified meet the definition of significance in context or intensity as defined in 40 CFR 1508.27. Therefore, an environmental impact statement is not necessary and will not be prepared. This determination is based on the following rationale:

1. Beneficial, adverse, direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts discussed in the EA have been disclosed.

*Identified impacts are either not significant, or are mitigated to the extent of insignificance by following the applicable Standard Operating Procedures found in Appendix D of the EA.*

2. The physical and biological effects are limited to the site of the proposed action and adjacent lands.
3. Public health and safety would not be adversely impacted.
4. There would be no adverse impacts to areas with unique characteristics or areas of critical environmental concern.
5. There are no highly controversial effects on the environment.
6. There are no known effects that are highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risk.
7. This alternative does not set a precedent for other projects that may be implemented in the future.
8. Based on cultural resource surveys, and through required mitigation, no adverse impacts to cultural resources were identified or anticipated.
9. No adverse impacts to any threatened or endangered species or their habitat that was determined to be critical under the Endangered Species Act was identified.
10. This alternative is in compliance with relevant Federal, State, and local laws, regulations and requirements for the protection of the environment.

/s/ Robert B. Towne

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Date