

**Noxious Weed Spot Treatment  
DOI-BLM-NM-P010-2009-134-EA**

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT: Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined the proposed action is not expected to have significant impacts on the environment because of the mitigation measures that would be applied in the treatments to control the spread of noxious weeds. Therefore, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required.

Rationale for Recommendations: The proposed action would not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation. No action would in all likelihood result in environmental degradation by allowing noxious weeds to spread unchecked. The proposed action would meet the objectives of the Carlsbad Resource Management Plan and the Roswell Resource Management Plan.

/s/ Douglas J. Burger  
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Manager, Pecos District

3/1/2010  
Date

Proposed Decision: It is my decision to approve the Noxious Weed Spot Treatment project as described in the Proposed Action in the attached environmental assessment (DOI-BLM-NM-P010-2009-134-EA). The mitigation measures identified in the attached EA along with specific project design features relative to noxious weed treatments on public lands have been formulated into stipulations. This decision incorporates, by reference, those stipulations identified in the attached Environmental Assessment.

Rationale for Decision: Approval of the Proposed Action is the most economical and environmentally acceptable method of treating noxious weeds in the Pecos District. Consequently, watershed functions, soil stabilization, wildlife habitat and livestock management will be safeguarded against the spread of these species. This action will authorize treatment by the use of herbicides in the district.

The Proposed Action is in conformance with the Carlsbad Resource Management Plan, the Roswell Resource Management Plan, and the Fire and Fuels Management Plan Amendment for Public Lands in New Mexico and Texas. The treatments will be conducted when the windows are appropriate to safely meet treatment objectives.

If you wish to protest this proposed decision, you are allowed 15 days from receipt of this notice within which to file a protest with the Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 2909 West 2<sup>nd</sup>, Roswell, NM 88201. This protest should specify, clearly and concisely, why you think the proposed action is in error.

In the absence of a protest within the time allowed, the above decision shall constitute my final decision. Should this notice become the final decision, you are allowed an additional 30 days within which to file an appeal for the purpose of a hearing before the Interior Board of Land Appeals, and to petition for stay of the decision pending final determination on the appeal (43 CFR 4.21 and 4.410). The decision will be put into effect following the 30-day appeal period if a notice to appeal is not filed. The appeal and petition for stay should be filed with the Field Manager at the above address. The appeal should specify, clearly and concisely, why you think the decision is in error. The petition for stay should specify how you will be harmed if the stay is not granted.