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Subject
spray proposal wrong approach (html please)

TO: The BLM
The Bureau of Land Management is proposing to spray almost a million acres per year with herbicides to kill invasive plants. This triples the agency's current herbicide use. 1
You are asking the public for comments about this proposal. Here are mine:

This is not an effective way to deal with the agency's invasive plant problem. So far BLM has refused to consider the causes of invasive plant problems. Instead, the agency is putting itself on a treadmill of pesticide use. Livestock grazing, road construction and use, use of off-road vehicles, timber harvests, and fuel reduction projects all encourage invasive weeds on BLM land. 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. 2

This agency must adopt strong prevention-based practices for activities (livestock grazing, road construction and use, use of off-road vehicles, timber harvests, and fuel reduction projects) that encourage invasive plants. BLM must make a specific measurable commitment to reducing reliance on herbicides. 3

Sincerely and with thanks for your attention,
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