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BLM Programmatic EIS for pesticide  
Vegetation Treatments in 17 Western  
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Treatments in 17 Western States

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Mr. Brian Amme, ( cc: Senators: Boxer, Feinstein; Congresswoman Barbara  
Lee, etc.)

As a user (and citizen owner) of these public lands, I am deeply outraged  
at your agency allowing such a large use of pesticides on public lands,  
including National Monuments and National Conservation areas. Why are you  
not considering the toxic overload that has resulted in bioaccumulation in  
our soils, water and the food chain? This is a basic scientific concept and  
where do you think these poisons go? Your research is based under tightly  
controlled laboratory conditions and their use in the real world --in the  
field conditions --has an entirely different outcome.

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With my background in academic studies in Plant Sciences and a degree in  
Public Policy (Natural Resource Systems) I find your prescription for  
utilizing pesticides and herbicides will wreck more havoc on ecological and  
human systems than the probability of a fire.

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4 The precautionary principle is not balanced toward protecting these systems (hydrological, species habitat, soil microcosms and human biological systems impact)

5 BLM needs to keep people and development away from BLM lands. Fire is natural in forests and the more we try to manage lands for fire the more we screw up.

6 I have reviewed the Bureau of Land Management's proposal for pesticide applications to public lands in western states. I am urging BLM to choose Option 3 (C) in its proposal, wherein alternative control methods, other than pesticides, would be used.

An integral part of this proposal involves aerial spraying of toxic pesticides, which increases negative impacts on non-targeted vegetation, wildlife, and people, including recreationists, tourists, and native peoples (pesticide application areas include Alaska, where native fishing and plant gathering is widespread). Although the proposal claims care would be taken in applying the pesticides in a controlled manner, these chemicals are known to drift much further than anticipated and cause unexpected health and ecological impacts. The pesticides that would be used include persistent and mobile chemicals, including known developmental and reproductive toxins.

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8 U.S. biologists, ecologists and wildlife managers have a vast array of alternative vegetation management tools to choose from, without having to resort to applying toxic chemicals to our public lands. Please choose Option 3 (C).

Thank you for your care and consideration,

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