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Re: Comment on BLM Programmatic EIS for pesticide Vegetation Treatments in 17 Western States

Dear Mr. Amme,

1 I have just learned that the BLM has proposed to apply massive amounts of pesticides to public land. This proposal is dangerous to the environment and to people and I am opposed to it as such. I understand that the proposal includes an option (Option C) that involves traditional methods for fire prevention and invasive plant control, and I urge you to adopt this option.

2 Massive application of pesticides, including aerial spraying, will affect more than target species, will hurt wildlife, seriously endanger people, and poison the lands. While the proposal claims that care will be taken to avoid unintended impacts, aerial spraying in particular is known to be unpredictable and uncontrollable, and no amount of care will ever be remotely sufficient to avoid the detrimental effects of massive pesticide use.

Traditional methods for fire control and invasive-species

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3 control are very good, and are far, far preferable to massive pesticide use.

4 The proposal to apply massive amounts of pesticides to public land is abominable and must be avoided. Please opt for option C, which involves the use of traditional methods of fire-control and invasive-plant control instead.

Sincerely,

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