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To

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Subject

"Protocol for Identifying,
Evaluating and Using New
Herbicides"

Dear Brian Amme,

I wanted to write to support the developed "Protocol for Identifying,
Evaluating and Using New Herbicides" to facilitate evaluation and addition
of new chemicals as they become available in the future. 1

In doing so, I support the Preferred Alternative B: Expand herbicide use
and allow for use of new herbicides in 17 western states and strongly
oppose all other alternatives: 2

During my active career, I tested several herbicides to control noxious
weeds on government lands. It was particularly disturbing when we found
chemicals that would destroy the target pest and not affect the desirable
species, and then have the BLM and Forest Service refuse to use them
because of 'policy'. We don't have sufficient money or manpower to control
noxious weeds in many of our government lands if we are restricted to
grubbing the weeds out by hand! 3

It is my opinion that if herbicide use and application methods are limited,
BLM land will continue to degrade. This is my reasoning for support of the
"Preferred Alternative" and rejection of other alternatives. 4

Sincerely,

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