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Dear Mr. Amme:

1 I am writing to endorse the Bureau of Land Management's Preferred Alternative (Alternative B- Expand Herbicide Use and Allow for use of New Herbicides in 17 Western States)

2 I believe this is a vital issue for the BLM, for the long term health, of the many and varied ecosystem which exist across the broad landscape that are under direct control by the BLM. Herbicides are an important tool in the fight against noxious weeds, and should be used. The type and quantity of herbicide, can be used safely, to selectively remove noxious weed complexes that are spreading. Weeds know no boundaries. They do not adhere to property lines or fences and they are spreading like wildfire! The broom complexes that are here and spreading need to be controlled and no other method is as effective as herbicides.

3 The products that are available to the forest community today are more effective and less toxic to humans and animals than ever before. We can now use ounces, instead of gallons of products to control tough brush complexes. Make no mistake, these products are toxic, but only to the plants we are trying to control. The dose makes the poison, and the rates that we are using today are virtually non- toxic to animals and humans. There are aquatic herbicides that will control plants such as Purple Loosetrife, which is invading irrigation ditches, lakes and canals. Other plants, such as Squarrose Knappweed, look beautiful but actually have little nutritional value for livestock, and reduce the biological diversity of the ecosystem. Deer and elk have also suffered from this form of non management. Scientists now believe that the hairless deer syndrome is from a lack of quality nutritional food.

The BLM should implement Preferred Alternative B; the science is on your side.

Sincerely,  
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