

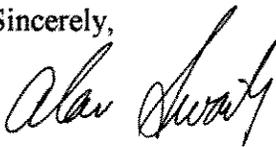
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Dear Mr. Amme:

- 1 I am writing in support of Alternative B of the BLM's EIS proposals for vegetation management.
- 2 I currently work in weed management with the Teller Park Conservation District in Woodland Park Colorado. I have been doing this type of work for 15 years. I also am retired from Colorado State University Extension.
- 3 The responsible use of reliable herbicides such as imazapyr and metsulfuron methyl and the addition of new chemistries such as imazapic, difufenzdopr and fluridone can significantly advance our management programs.
- 4 The use of herbicides can decrease invasive and noxious weeds, decrease the risk of fire and improve habitat for endangered species.
- 5 EPA currently approves herbicides under the FIFRA registration process. It is a risk to limit the BLM's vegetation management tools.
- 6 If we limit the use of herbicides, BLM land will continue to degrade. I have seen this many times during my 15 years of working in weed management.

Sincerely,



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