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Mr. Brian Amme, Project Manager, BLM
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Dear Mr. Amme:

1 This is in response to an article in the Register Guard newspaper in Eugene, Oregon, regarding the increase in herbicide use in the Western United States.

2 I speak only as a layman, but also as a native of the Pacific Northwest who has felt that the "pendulum" has swung too far over the years in restricting the control of invasive species.

3 Although I realize this applies to BLM land, the same issue applies to public property in urban areas, where expensive control by pulling weeds by hand adds greatly to maintenance costs, as well as unsightly areas where there is rampant growth of weeds and brush. Many, also, cause allergies.

4 As to the appearance of spindly trees on public land compared to those on private timber lands, the comparison is often obvious even to those not directly involved.

5 I hope, along with others whom I have heard comment, that the BLM will be successful in lifting the injunction.

Sincerely,

Joann McClintic