

NATURAL HABITAT

MAINTAIN DISORDER--It's Called Beaver Smart

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Dear Project Manager,

1 We are concerned about the new BLM Herbicide Use Plan, which will cover the Northwest including Alaska. For us the plan to triple herbicide use and increase non-chemical manipulation from 500,000 to six million acres annually is truly unconscionable. It destroys the image of the BLM as a considerate land manager.

2 We agree with our colleagues, who have studied the draft, that you are addressing the symptoms rather than the causes and will be doing much more harm than good. You have made herbicide use itself the purpose rather than a credible concern about the causes of widespread invasive plants.

3 The wide variety of herbicides, many of which will likely be highly toxic to amphibians, fish, insects, birds and on and on are not appropriate for a healthy respect for biodiversity and healthy landscapes. Biocontrols are also a concern without real testing and monitoring.

4 Please register our concerns and support for Alternative C, which would use no herbicides and less other harmful manipulation and more prevention with passive restoration techniques. Of special concern to our group is:

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- uncontrolled livestock grazing
 - off-road vehicles
 - prescribed fire with resumption of heavy livestock grazing

6 Please **do not add us to the list** to receive the final EIS but rather send only a brief summary or defense of your chosen alternative.

Sincerely,

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