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Dear Mr. Anne,

I know I missed the deadline but here is my opinion on the proposed spraying of herbicides on 900,000 acres of forest land in the west.

As a gardener and landscaper for many years I have observed the ineffectiveness of herbicides on weeds. It is definitely not worth the harm it causes to other plants, wildlife, people. The only way I have found to get rid of thistles is to dig up the whole plant before it flowers.

I think the current administration is giving a gift to their pals, the chemical companies who sell these poisons. They obviously don't care a bit about nature unless it is a source of money to them (to exploit it).

Please consider goats, giving people jobs to dig up weeds and how about reducing grazing and ATV use in forest which are the ways these weeds get into the forest lands

Thanks Betsy Peirce

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