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Subject
Pesticides/Herbicides on Public
Land

Dear Brian Anme, Project Manager - Bureau of Land
Management:

As a citizen of the United States, and a
homeowner/resident in Southern California, I am VERY
concerned about the Bureau of Land Management's plans
to increase the use of pesticides/herbicides on public
land.

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Based on a news bulletin I just read, it is my
understanding that you plan to triple your annual
herbicide/pesticide use in the Western States to
almost a million acres.

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As it is, I had to discontinue my regular use of
Crystal Cove State Park when I discovered - after
years of ignorant bliss - that they apply pesticides,
on a regular basis, to control "invasive" weeds. A
practice that was not posted - and that employees at
the entrance booths were unaware of - when I inquired
prior to entering the Park.

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It wasn't until I saw their employees spraying

pesticides, while I was skating along the trails, that I became aware of their practice. Upon further inquiry - at their central office - I was FINALLY informed that they spray pesticides/herbicides, on a regular basis, to control "invasive" weeds. In an attempt, to restore the land to the way it was 100+ years ago. (A waste of time - and taxpayers money - since nothing else in the area is the way it was 100 years ago. It is unrealistic that the use of toxic chemicals will restore the land. Rather, it is contributing to the toxic load of this area.)

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Since the use of toxic chenmicals, on public land, poses a threat to public health and the environment - and is especially harmful to young children and those with compromised immune systems - I hope you can use alternate - non-toxic - means to achieve your goals.

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For some helpful information, please contact either "Beyond Pesticides" or "California for Alternatives to Toxics". They are a great resource for non-toxic solutions to environmental issues.

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Thank you for your consideration to this request. Hopefully, your decision will make public land accessible to everyone - including vulnerable populations and those with environmental illnesses who are being denied access to public land due to the use of toxins.

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I am grateful that public land/ restrooms are accessible to wheelchairs. Now is the time to expand public accessibility to those with other disabilities.

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