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RE: Comment on BLM Pesticide Plan—17 Western States

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Sir:

1 I strongly urge the BLM to choose Option 3 (C) in its proposal for pesticide application to public lands in 17 western states.

2 Distributing tons of pesticide across such a wide area—no matter how well intentioned—is a recipe for disaster. Can you guarantee that such an intense distribution of poison—and that is what a pesticide is-- will not adversely affect non-targeted vegetation, wildlife, and people? Our environmental history is sadly distinguished by the unintended consequences arising from improper use of chemicals...from DDT to PCBs.

3 The BLM is entrusted with the long-term stewardship of our nation's most precious resources. It seems much more prudent—and much more in line with BLM's mandate—to take a more conservative approach, as suggested in Option 3 (C).

4 It is not often that one person can have a significant affect on the world. You have that opportunity, and that responsibility. Please push for the adoption of Option 3 (C).

Thank you for your attention to this message.

Sincerely,

  
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