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Subject
Comment on BLM Programmatic EIS for
pesticide Vegetation Treatments in
17 Western States

Dear Brian Amme:

1 I wholeheartedly oppose the BLM's proposal to spray wilderness lands with herbicides. These chemicals will affect wildlife, including endangered species, humans, and the ecological balance of the areas as a whole. Although the proposal claims care would be taken in applying the pesticides in a controlled manner, these chemicals are known to drift much further than anticipated and cause unexpected health and ecological impacts.

2 As you should well know, the BLM can affectively manage and treat unwanted vegetation by a variety of non-herbicide techniques including, fire, mechanical, manual, cultural, and biological control methods. U.S. biologists, ecologists and wildlife managers have a vast array of alternative vegetation management tools to choose from, without having to resort to applying toxic chemicals to our public lands. Please choose Option 3 (C).

3 I grew up in Arizona. My parents and sister still live there. I do not want to see the lands in Arizona or anywhere else in this country further devastated by the application of toxic chemicals. Chemicals have wrought many problems in this country; trying to manage lands by using them will only dig us into a deeper pit of toxins.

Sincerely,

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