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Subject
My comment on the BLM draft EIS for
vegetation mgmt

Dear Mr. Amme:

1 The judicious use of herbicides is an important tool that must continue to be made available for the management of weeds and especially for the management of noxious and invasive weeds. New herbicides are also important as they may replace herbicides that have lost their effectiveness or are no longer available; may be more effective than current herbicides; may be more environmentally friendly; may be easier to use and may be more specific against a target species.

2 Totally banning the use of herbicides will just make it harder for BLM weed managers to do their job. Herbicides must always be used judiciously, according to the rules, and after careful consideration.

3 By definition, integrated pest management utilizes a palette, including herbicides, of tools that are effective and safe to people and the environment. There are times when non-pesticidal methods are appropriate and the best method. However, herbicides can be used safely and, at times, be the best method both environmentally and efficaciously.

Sincerely,
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