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Brian Amme, Project Manager
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Re: Vegetative Treatments Using Herbicides Programmatic EIS

Dear Mr. Amme,

1 I am writing to express my alarm and staunch opposition to your proposed preferred alternative to use herbicides on 932,000 acres of public lands. This is the ultimate act of hubris to conclude that spreading poisons across the West will somehow correct decades of exploitation and mismanagement of government-entrusted lands.

2 Your proposal is nothing but a last desperate measure that will only worsen the degradation of soils, waterways and native ecosystems caused by relentless livestock grazing, road building, vehicular trespass, timber harvesting, fire-suppression and so-called fuels reduction projects. Using these poisons only adds to this list of crimes against nature. The only entities that stand to benefit are the industrial chemical companies and their lobbyists.

3 We do not need anymore fossil-fuel intensive warfare against nature. This is not Vietnam. Please wake up and get enlightened before it's too late.

Sincerely,

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