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Subject
Herbicide use on BLM land

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RE: Increased herbicide spraying on BLM land.

1 This letter is regarding the proposal to increase the amount of herbicide applied to BLM lands in certain Western states. This proposal would cover 932,000 acres of vegetation with more than three times the amount of herbicide currently used. These herbicides could possibly help prevent wildfires, and keep invasive weeds from spreading.

However, tripling the amount of herbicide used may not solve some of the problems, and it would be harmful for people using the land. The BLM should be trying to protect the land, and keep it safe and usable for the public. By using more toxic herbicides, the health of BLM land users is compromised.

2 As well, the health of the environment would decline as well. The herbicides would wash into streams and kill fish. Vegetation not meant to be sprayed could be killed.

Please consider and understand that increasing the amount of herbicide applied would not only cause health problems, and damage to the environment, but it may not necessary prevent fires, or kill invasive weeds

Sincerely,
Brian Cole
Concerned High School Student